

A Challenge To Grow (4-5)
1 THESSALONIANS 5:19-28

*****Loving Commands to OBEY *****

1. FOLLOW _____!
Do not quench the Spirit. **1Thess 5:19**

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **1 Cor 2:11**

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. **Acts 7:51**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. **John 14:26**

2. FOLLOW _____!
Do not treat prophecies with contempt **1Thess 5:20**

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. **2Pet 1:21**

On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. **1Cor 14:3**

3. TEST FIRST THEN _____!
but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. **1Thess 5:21-22**

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

1John 4:1-3

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Rom 12:2**

4. LIVE CONFIDENT _____!
May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

1Thess 5:23-24

... you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. **1Cor 6:11**

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Eph 1:4

5. LIVE A _____!
Brothers and sisters, pray for us. **1Thess 5:25**

Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1Thess 5:26-28