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WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG

1 THESSALONIANS - PART 5

A STUDY ON 1 THESSALONIANS WEEKLY CHAPTER THEMES

Chapter 1 THE RIGHT MOTIVE Christ's Heart

"We remember before our God and Father vour work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love..." (v. 3)

Chapter 2 THE RIGHT **METHOD** Christ's Strategy

"You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover the Lord." (v. 8) up greed..." (v. 5)

Chapter 3 THE RIGHT METTLE

Christ's

Strength "For now we really live, since you are standing firm in

Chapter 4

THE RIGHT **MASTER** Christ's Authority

"For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus." (v. 2)

Chapter 5 THE RIGHT MINDSET Christ's Return

"But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief." (v. 4)

CONTEXT:

Two Distinct Problems:

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3 ENDURING MINDSETS

1 THESSALONIANS 5



Be Ready for a

¹Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "Peace and safety." destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (vv. 1-11)



Live with

¹²Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. (wv. 12-15)



Apply Paul's

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²²reject every kind of evil. ²³May 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. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. ²⁵Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. ²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (vv. 16-28)