

# 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Lenny D'Ambrosia

# Contents

- 1. Behavior toward the leaders of the church (vv. 12–13).**
- 2. Behavior toward the church family (vv. 14–15).**
- 3. Behavior toward God (vv. 15–22).**
- 4. The results of proper behavior (vv. 23–24).**
- 5. The final word on behavior (vv. 25–28).**

1. How do you show your appreciation to those “who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction”?

## 1 Thess. 5:12-13

12 But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

1. How do you show your appreciation to those “who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction”?

## A. Pray for them.

1 Tim. 2:1-2

1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1. How do you show your appreciation to those “who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction”?

**B. Follow them in a way that does not bring them grief or heartache.**

**Heb. 13:17**

**17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.**

1. How do you show your appreciation to those “who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction”?

**C. Express words of affirmation and to esteem them very highly (to acknowledge, appreciate and respect them).**

1. How do you show your appreciation to those “who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction”?

**D. Live in peace with one another.**

**Rom. 12:18**

**18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**

# Church Organization

**GOD** Supreme



**Jesus Christ** All Authority

Holy Spirit

**Apostles** Delegated Authority

New Testament

**Elders** Delegated Authority



**Evangelist**

**Deacons**

**Members**<sup>8</sup>



2. In what ways does practicing gratitude and thankfulness transform our day-to-day life as Christians?

**1 Thess. 5:14**

**14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.**

**2. In what ways does practicing gratitude and thankfulness transform our day-to-day life as Christians?**

**Practicing gratitude and thankfulness will allow us to grow as Christians in God's service and to give Him the glory.**

**2. In what ways does practicing gratitude and thankfulness transform our day-to-day life as Christians?**

**A. Admonish the unruly –**

**Admonish is like a rebuke, but not as strong.**

**Christians are to admonish those whose behavior is not in accordance with God's Word.**

**2. In what ways does practicing gratitude and thankfulness transform our day-to-day life as Christians?**

## **B. Encourage the fainthearted**

**Christians are to endeavor to encourage others as part of their routine in their communication with others.**

**2. In what ways does practicing gratitude and thankfulness transform our day-to-day life as Christians?**

## **C. Help the weak**

**Christians are to help those who are struggling both physically and spiritually.**

**2. In what ways does practicing gratitude and thankfulness transform our day-to-day life as Christians?**

## **D. Be patient with everyone**

**God is patient with us.**

**Christians are to pray to God for strength in this area. They are to show genuine patience from the heart.**

3. How do we react when others are unkind to us? How should we react? How can we take control of our reactions?

## **1 Thess. 5:15**

**15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.**

**3. How do we react when others are unkind to us? How should we react? How can we take control of our reactions?**

**1. We want to strike back harder.**

**2. Christians should not repay another with evil for evil.**

**3. God requires Christians to seek the good in every situation.**



3. How do we react when others are unkind to us? How should we react? How can we take control of our reactions?

## Luke 23:34

34 But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

## 1 Peter 3:9

9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

## **4. What does it mean to pray without ceasing?**

**1 Thess. 5:16-17**

**16 Rejoice always;**

**17 pray without ceasing;**

**1. Christians are to have a lifestyle of prayer.**

**2. Prayer is to be a major part of our Christian walk.**

**3. Prayer is a priority in a Christian life.**

4. What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

**God wants Christians to be joyful.**

**John 15:11**

11 “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

**Phil. 4:4**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

4. What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

**In everything give thanks – Pray with a thankful heart.**

**Eph. 5:20**

**20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;**

**Phil. 4:6**

**6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

5. How might understanding God's will for us change the way we approach our daily challenges?

1 Thess. 5:18-22

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit;

20 do not despise prophetic utterances.

21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

22 abstain from every form of evil.

**5. How might understanding God's will for us change the way we approach our daily challenges?**

**The attitude (mindset) of Christians is to:**

**A. Pray.**

**B. Listen to the Holy Spirit.**

**C. Put God's Word in action.**

**D. Examine everything for yourself.**

**E. Always seek the good.**

**F. Abstain from everything that is evil.**

## 6. Why does Paul exhort the Thessalonians to “greet all brethren with a holy kiss”?

1 Thess. 5:23-28

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**6. Why does Paul exhort the Thessalonians to “greet all brethren with a holy kiss”?**

**A. In some cultures, this greeting shows appropriate affection and politeness when greeting brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**B. The universal principle is to greet other believers warmly, which in our case could be a warm handshake with a friendly verbal greeting.**