

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to:

- **Respect** (appreciate) those who work hard among you,
- (*respect those*) who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

A. Live in peace with each other.

And we urge you, brothers and sisters,

- **warn** those who are idle and disruptive,
- encourage the disheartened,
- help the weak,
- be patient with everyone.
- Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong.

B. but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench (stop or restrict) the Spirit.

- Do not treat prophecies (declaring the mind and will of God) with contempt but,
- test everything.
- hold on to what is good,
- reject every kind of evil.

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C. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify (cleanse) you through and through.

May your whole spirit, whole soul, and whole body be kept blameless (only by being in Christ) at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.**