

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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Final Exhortations, Greetings, and Benediction

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; **13** esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. **14** And we urge you, beloved,^[b] to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. **15** See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. **16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise the words of prophets,^[c] **21** but test everything; hold fast to what is good; **22** abstain from every form of evil.

23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound^[d]

and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Footnotes

- a. 1 Thessalonians 5:12 Gk *brothers*
- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 Gk *brothers*
- c. 1 Thessalonians 5:20 Gk *despise prophecies*
- d. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Or *complete*

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