

## LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT—11

### “*Beatitudes for Good Behavior*”

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### I. **FIRST, NOTICE HIS \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NEGATIVE SIDE (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15).**

- A. First, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ warn those who are out of step with the Lord (5:14b) “... *warn them that are unruly* ...”
- B. Secondly, we are to show \_\_\_\_\_ help for the depressed (5:14c). “*comfort the feebleminded*.”
- C. Thirdly, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ uphold the weak (5:14d). “... *support the weak* ...”
- D. Fourthly, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ show patience toward all (5:14c). “... *patient toward all men*.”
- E. Fifthly, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ our motives (5:15).

#### II. **SECONDLY, CONSIDER HIS \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE POSITIVE SIDE (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22).**

Here Paul gives a series of 1<sup>st</sup> century “tweets.” Note them as follows:

- A. First, make a \_\_\_\_\_ to rejoice (5:16) **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

- B. Secondly, \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord continually. (5:17) **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

There are three ways to better understand what this passage means:

1. First, it involves a \_\_\_\_\_ awareness.
2. Secondly, it includes \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.
3. Thirdly, it incorporates \_\_\_\_\_ conversation.

- C. Thirdly, this is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for your way (5:18). **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

- D. Fourthly, keep the \_\_\_\_\_ burning in the furnace (5:19). **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

- E. Fifthly, prize the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word (5:20) **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

- F. Sixthly, test all \_\_\_\_\_ through God’s Word (5:21a) **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

- G. Seventhly, don’t \_\_\_\_\_ from doing right (5:21b). **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

- H. Eighthly, \_\_\_\_\_ yourself from anything that appears to be evil (5:22). **BE \_\_\_\_\_!**

We should avoid evil activities and evil people for two reasons:

1. First, once you are a Christian, people will be watching you.
2. Secondly, if you hang out with people doing evil things, you will eventually become like them.