

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT—11

“Beatitudes for Good Behavior”

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Introduction: _____

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

A. First, we are to *expressively* warn those who are out of step with the Lord (5:14b) “... **warn them that are unruly . . .**”

B. Secondly, we are to show *exceedingly* help for the depressed (5:14c). “**comfort the feebleminded.**”

C. Thirdly, we are to *exceptionally* uphold the weak (5:14d). “... **support the weak . . .**”

D. Fourthly, we are to *explicitly* show patience toward all (5:14c). “... **patient toward all men.**”

E. Fifthly, we are to *examine* our motives (5:15).

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

A. First, make the _____ to rejoice. (5:16)
“**Rejoice evermore.**” BE _____!

B. Secondly, _____ with the Lord continually. (5:17). “**Pray without ceasing.**” BE _____!

1. First, to pray without ceasing involves _____ awareness.
2. Secondly, to pray without ceasing includes _____ obedience.
3. Thirdly, to pray without ceasing incorporates _____ conversation.

C. Thirdly, this is God’s _____ for your way (5:18)
“**In everything give thanks; for this the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.** BE _____!

D. Fourthly, keep the _____ burning in the furnace (5:19). “**Quench not the Spirit.**” BE _____!

E. Fifthly, prize the _____ of God’s Word (5:20). “**Despise not prophesyings.**” BE _____!

F. Sixthly, test all _____ through God’s Word (5:21a) “**Prove all things . . .**” BE _____!

G. Seventhly, don’t _____ from doing right (5:21b). “... **hold fast that which is good . . .**” BE _____!

H. Eighthly, _____ yourself from anything that appears to be evil (5:22) “**Abstain from all appearance of evil.**” BE _____!