

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT—12

“Good News for Unfinished People”

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1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE CHALLENGE FOR A LIFE OF _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

A. First, notice that the _____ of holiness is the God of peace Himself (5:23a). “*And the God of peace himself . . .*”

B. Secondly, note the _____ of holiness is ultimately bringing us to maturity (5:23b) “*. . . sanctify you wholly . . .*”

Look at all three parts of your being:

1. First, when your body is right, you are _____.
2. Secondly, when your soul is right, you are _____.
3. Thirdly, when your spirit is right, you are _____.

2.

C. Thirdly, notice that the _____ of holiness involves our entire being (5:23c). “*. . . and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

D. Fourthly, notice how our _____ in the future is set (5:23d). “*. . . be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

1. First, holiness _____ to be without blame before the Lord and others.
2. Secondly, holiness is _____ by the fact that Christ is coming to reward His people.
3. Thirdly, holiness is _____ by God’s calling, His faithfulness and His strength. (5:14). “*Faithful is he who calleth you, who also will do it.*”

II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE CHALLENGE TO A LIFE OF _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:25-28).

A. First, a life of service involves _____ for one another (5:25).

B. Secondly, a life of service includes _____ for one another (5:26).

3.

- C. Thirdly, a life of service incorporates _____ God's Word by sharing it with others (5:27).
- D. Fourthly, this life of service implies a _____ of the grace of God (5:28).

CONCLUSION: Some important thoughts:

1. **In the Word of God, we have all the _____ we need; therefore, we need to read and study it!**
2. **In the Holy Spirit, we have all the _____ we need; therefore, we need to rely on Him so we can effectively obey the Word of God.**
3. **In God's family (the local church), we have all the _____ we need to grow in every aspect of life; therefore we need to support it with our faithful attendance, prayers, and offerings as it reaches out to a world in need of the Good News.**