

20) What does Love have to do with this section of 1 Thessalonians?

21) What will you do to encourage and build up/strengthen others this week?

Love Builds Up

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (GW) ⁸ Since we belong to the day, we must be sober. We must put on faith and love as a breastplate and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1) What does Paul mean that we belong to the light?

2) What do you think being sober means?

3) Why are faith and love our breastplate?

4) Why is the hope of salvation our helmet?

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (GW) ⁹ It was not God's intention that we experience his anger but that we obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake in this life or asleep in death, we will live together with him.

5) How do we experience God's anger?

6) What is it that God wants for us?

7) What does Jesus' death mean for us according to these verses?

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (GW) ¹¹ Therefore, encourage each other and strengthen one another as you are doing.

8) Why should we encourage and strengthen each other?

9) How is strengthening each other like building one another up?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (GW) ¹² Brothers and sisters, we ask you to show your appreciation for those leaders who work among you and instruct you. ¹³ We ask you to love them and think very highly of them because of the work they are doing. Live in peace with each other.

10) What is the first way that Paul tells us to encourage and strengthen others?

11) Why do you think he starts with the leaders

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (GW) ¹⁴ We encourage you, brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not living right, cheer up those who are discouraged, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.

12) How is instructing those not living right a form of encouragement and strengthening?

13) Why is being patient with everyone important?

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (GW) ¹⁵ Make sure that no one ever pays back one wrong with another wrong. Instead, always try to do what is good for each other and everyone else.

14) How easy is it to pay back wrong with wrong?

15) Why is this not a good idea?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (GW) ¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Whatever happens, give thanks, because it is God's will in Christ Jesus that you do this.

16) How are these instructions useful for encouraging and building up others?

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (GW) ¹⁹ Don't put out the Spirit's fire. ²⁰ Don't despise what God has revealed. ²¹ Instead, test everything. Hold on to what is good. ²² Keep away from every kind of evil.

17) How can you put out the Holy Spirit's fire?

18) Why do you need to test everything?

19) How are you able to hold on to the good and get rid of the evil?