MAY THE GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY YOU

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Key Verse: 5:23

1. How should the Thessalonians regard their leaders (12-13)? What do the words “acknowledge” and “in love” imply? Why should they do this?

2. What specific instructions did Paul give to all of the Thessalonian believers (14-15)? How would practicing these help them to build up each other? What can we learn here about the responsibility of each member to a healthy Christian community?

3. What positive commands are given to each believer (16-18)? How do the words “always,” “continually,” and “in all circumstances” encourage and challenge us to practice these commands? What do the words “God’s will for us in Christ Jesus” imply?

4. What specifically did Paul instruct them not to do (19-22)? How are these instructions related to each other? Why is respecting the Holy Spirit’s work so important?

5. Read verse 23. What did Paul pray for? When is sanctification complete? What confidence can we have (24)? What were Paul’s final greetings, instructions and blessing (25-28)?