

## Paul's Last Minute Instructions To The Thessalonians

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11-22

### Introduction

As Paul draws this first epistle to the Thessalonians to a conclusion, he begins to give some very quick instructions. These were not instructions to be passed over, but important instructions born out of Paul's concern for the well being of this church.

#### I. Rejoice evermore

**Luke 10:20b** ...but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

- A. You have been redeemed
- B. You have everlasting life

#### II. Pray without ceasing

**1 Timothy 2:8** I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

- A. Prayer communicates with God
- B. Prayer moves God on our behalf

#### III. In everything give thanks

**Ephesians 5:20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. Give thanks in everything
- B. Give thanks for everything

#### IV. Quench not the Spirit

**2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

- A. Quench means to damp, hinder, thwart
- B. Spirit is our source of liberty
- C. We are not to dampen, to hinder, to thwart the Holy Spirit

#### V. Despise not prophesyings

**1 Corinthians 14:29** Let the prophets speak two or three, let the other judge:

- A. Have a proper attitude toward the vocal ministry of the Holy Spirit
- B. Let the Lord's messengers speak

#### VI. Prove all things

**1 Thessalonians 5:13** And we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you.

- A. Put things to the test
- B. Hold onto the good

#### VII. Abstain from all appearance of evil

**2 Corinthians 6:17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

- A. We are to have a proper attitude toward evil
- B. We are to act properly toward evil