

## RIGHTEOUSNESS

### *The Nuts and Bolts of Christian Living*

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Study Text: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

Intro: Read 1 Thess.1:1-7. This is a powerful opening to this letter. In these verses, Paul had thanked God for the church at Thessalonica and for their work produced by their \_\_\_\_\_, their labor prompted by \_\_\_\_\_, and their endurance/steadfastness inspired by their \_\_\_\_\_.

How are those three things important to our spiritual life?

#### 1. Righteous Living Through the Spiritual Treatment of Others (1 Thess.5:12-15)

- Who was Paul referring to in 5:12?      Looking at Paul's description in v.12, what kind of person is this?
- What is our instruction toward them in v.13?
- How does treating our leaders with disrespect and dishonor affect their work for the Lord?
- Verse 14 is a difficult verse. What does it call us to do? Is this instruction just for Elders?
- Based on v.15, what kind of people are we to be?

#### 2. Righteous Living Through a Right Relationship With God (1 Thess.5:16-22)

- How does one "rejoice always"? What do you think is the key to this?

- "Pray without ceasing". Looking at verses in 1 Thess., what do they tell us about what to pray for?

1:2-3 -

3:13 -

2:13 -

5:18 -

3:9 -

5:23 -

3:10 -

5:28 -

3:11 -

- What is the key to "giving thanks in all circumstances"?
- How would you "quench the spirit"?
- "Do not despise prophecies". How does that apply to us today?
- "Test everything". What is our "standard of testing"? (See Acts 17:11)
- How do we treat what is evil?

### 3. Righteous Living Through Holy Living (1 Thess.5:23-28)

- (5:23-24) Paul prays for sanctification which leads to IN\_\_\_\_\_ change which results to T\_\_\_\_\_ TION that goes on continually in our lives. God is \_\_\_\_\_!
- Paul then urges them to lead a life of P\_\_\_\_\_, a life of F\_\_\_\_\_, a life of S\_\_\_\_\_, and a life of G\_\_\_\_\_! (5:25-28)