



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Thessalonians 5v12-28 – **Relationships are Key**

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GETTING STARTED

Why do you think Paul finishes his letter by talking about relationships?

Why do you think relationships come under such strain when the pressure is really on?

1) OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH... OUR LEADERS (v12-13)

Why do you think Paul addresses this particular relationship first with the church in Thessalonica?

What does Paul have to say and what do you most need to hear?

2) OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH... EACH OTHER (v14-15)

Talk about the 3 groups of people that Paul has in view and the specific charge that goes with each...

Why do each of these require patience? When do you find it hardest to be patient?

What changes could you make to enhance your relationships in your church family?

3) OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH... THE LORD (v16-24)

There are 8 separate but interlinked instructions in v16-22 – home in on a few of them and think through their application to your own life.

In what ways could you be guilty of quenching the Spirit?

Talk about the assurance Paul gives his readers in v23-24. How do these words fit with those in Philippians 1v6 and Philippians 2v12-13?

Why does Paul use the language 'through and through' in v23?

Meditate on the words of Paul below...

1 Thessalonians 5v23-24: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.