



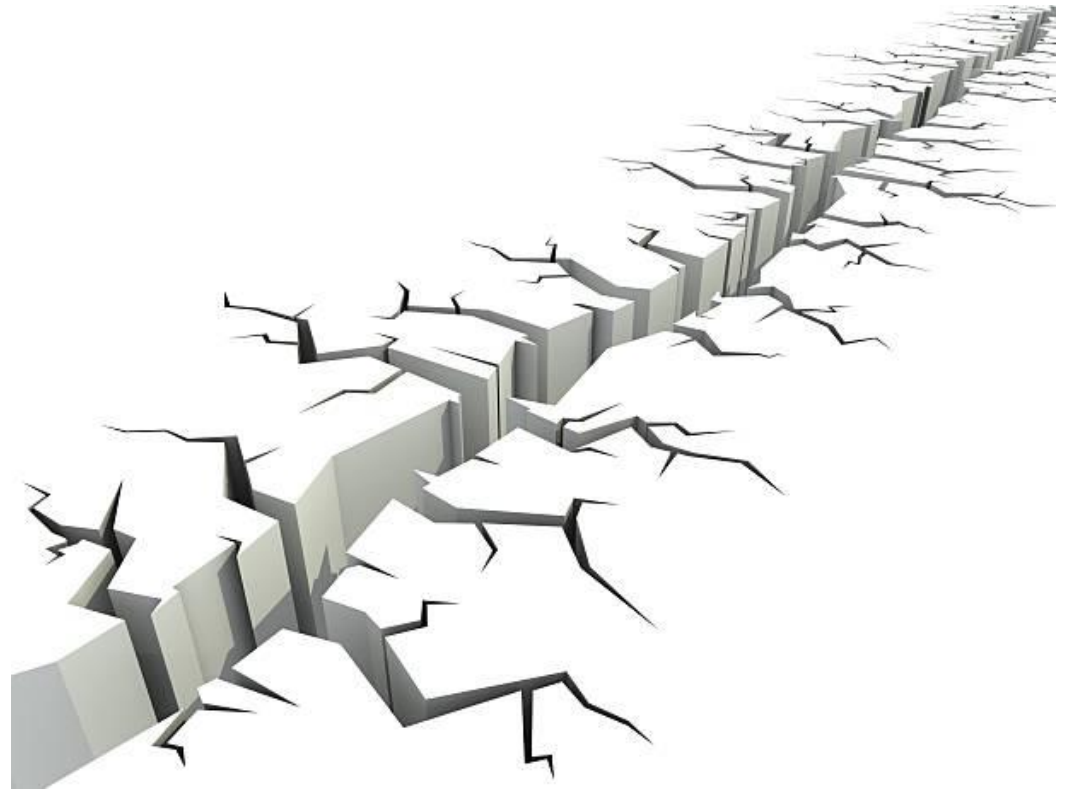
1 Thessalonians 5v12-28

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REFLECTION

*When the  
pressure is  
really on...*

*...where do  
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begin to  
show first?*



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- 1. Relationship with our leaders (v12-13)**
- 2. Relationship with each other (v14-15)**
- 3. Relationship with the Lord (v16-24)**

# 1) Our relationship with our leaders

**V12-13:** Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

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**V13:** Live in peace with one another.



## 2) Our relationship with each other

**V4-15:** And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

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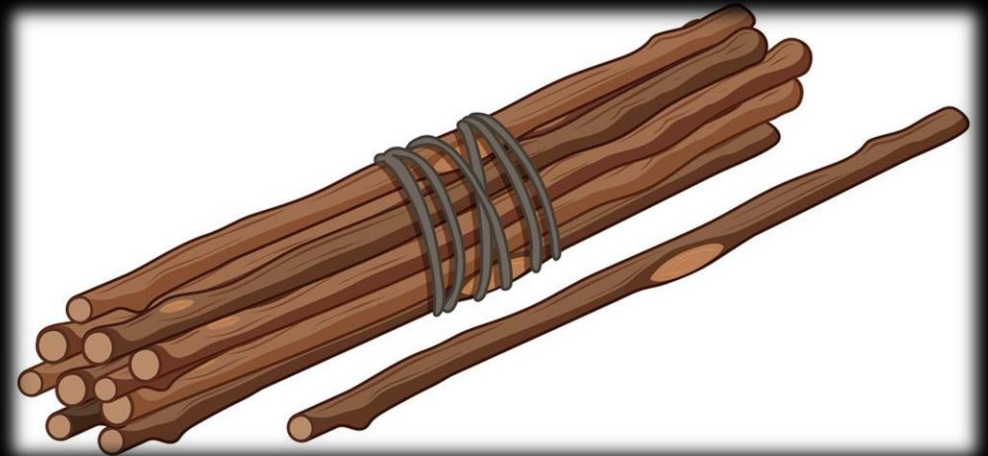
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**V19-22:** Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt <sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil.

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**V23:** 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.

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**V24:** The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

