

Final Instructions for a Healthy and Effective Church

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Topics

Advice, God's Will, Leadership, Prophecy, Quarrels, Respect, Revenge, Thankfulness

Open It Questions

1. What instructions would you give to someone taking care of your home while you were away on a long vacation?

2. If you could ask God any three questions about how to live your life, what would you ask?

Explore It Questions

3. How does God want us to regard church elders? (5:12-13)

4. How does God want us to treat each other? (5:13-15)

5. What attitudes represent God's will for us? (5:16-18)

6. How should we pray? (5:17)

7. When should we give thanks? (5:18)

8. What is God's will for us? (5:16-18)

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Apply It Questions

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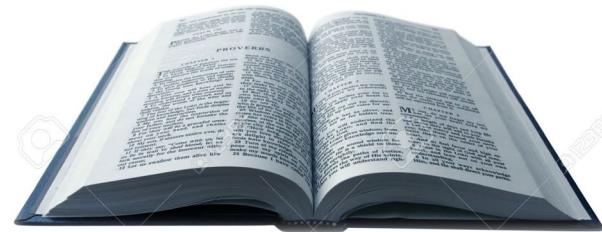
Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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WELCOME TO BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**“Paul’s Final
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(1Thessalonians
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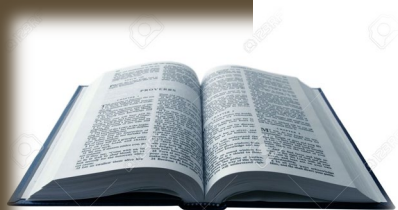
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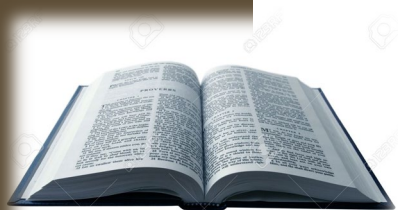
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Paul wanted to leave some final instructions to all the believers so that they could continue to build up one another ([5:11](#)). This section focuses on three parts of life in a local church and how the relationships ought to work—from the pastors and leadership, through the fellowship and responsibilities of the believers, and finally to how they ought to worship. The instructions are as vital to churches today as they were in the first century.



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GET IT QUESTIONS #14-#26

(See Participant Handout)



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**NEXT
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**Introduction, Background,
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