

Now In Closing – Really!  
I Thessalonians 5:12-28

REJOICE  
ALWAYS

1. THESSALONIANS 5:16

# THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

Jude

Revelation



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Chapters : introduced in the 1200's.  
Verses in the 1500's.

1. (12) We ask you brothers to respect those who labor among you.
  - a. And are over you in the Lord.
  - b. And admonish you.
  - c. (13) And to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.
  - d. Be at peace among yourselves.
2. (14) And we urge you brothers.
  - a. Admonish the idle.
  - b. Encourage the fainthearted.
  - c. Help the weak.
  - d. Be patient with them all.

3. (15) See that no one repays anyone evil for evil.
  - a. But always seek to do good.
  - b. To one another.
  - c. And to everyone.
4. (16) Rejoice always.
  - a. (17) Pray without ceasing.
  - b. (18) Give thanks in all circumstances.
  - c. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1. (19) Do not:
  - a. Quench the Spirit.
  - b. (20) Do not despise prophecies.
2. (21) But test everything.
  - a. Hold fast what is good.
  - b. (22) Abstain from every form of evil.

(23) Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely.

- And may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- (24) He who calls you is faithful.
- He will surely do it.

(25) Brothers, pray for us.

(26) Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

(27) I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

(28) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Note: this was written directly to the body of believers.

1. Paul asks that the body of believers to know, respect, appreciate those who labor among them.

A. Know, Respect, Appreciate.

B. Based on observing them.

C. When they carry out their assignment.



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2. Paul urges/exhorts the body of believers  
TO DO!

- a. Urge your fellow brothers and sisters on.
- b. Lay aside the need to get even – forgive.
- c. Be a follower of Jesus that is filled with joy.

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Psalm 64:10:

Let the righteous one ***rejoice*** in the Lord  
and take refuge in him! Let all the upright  
in heart exult!

Psalm 97:11-12:

Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. **Rejoice** in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Psalm 104:33-34:

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will  
sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I **rejoice** in the Lord.

Isaiah 61:10:

I will greatly **rejoice** in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Habakkuk 3:17-18:

Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of  
the olive fail and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold and  
there be no herd in the stalls, **yet I will  
rejoice** in the Lord; **I will take joy** in the  
God of my salvation.

Philippians 4:2-5:

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. **Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, **rejoice**. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.

3. Paul tells them what not to do.

a. The “Do Nots” are a short list.

i. Do not quench the Spirit.

ii. Do not despise prophecies.

Logos: the Totality of God. John 1:1-5

Rhema: Specific to a situation. Eph. 6:17

b. Test everything.



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A blessing...

A plea...

A command...

A benediction...

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INSIDE  
YOU

IS  
GREATER

Our mission:

To be a magnet, drawing people who need Jesus  
to know and grow in him.

REACH • TEACH • CARE • PRAISE • BLAZE



# Prayer Person this Week

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