

# The Book of 1 Thessalonians

“Life in Christ  
until HE Returns”

**1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22**

**“Maintaining Unity & Soundness  
in the Local Church”**

**Part 2**



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# Outline:

## Maintaining Unity:

- 1) Recognize Church leadership
- 2) Esteem Church leadership
- 3) Be at peace
- 4) Warn those who are unruly
- 5) Comfort the fainthearted
- 6) Uphold the weak
- 7) Be patient with all
- 8) Don't render evil for evil
- 9) Pursue what is good

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# 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NKJV)

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father



# 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)

13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.





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# Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



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## Ephesian 2:19-20 (NKJV)

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,



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# Application:

- Where is your heart when you worship?
- How consistent is your prayer life?
- Do you lack motivation in Bible study?
- Do you know enough of Scripture to discern false teaching if you heard it?

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