

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 and re-read V. 14.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

14 We urge you,  
    brethren,  
    admonish the unruly,  
    encourage the fainthearted,  
    help the weak,  
    be patient  
    with everyone.

1. Re-read 1 Thess.5:14. What is the context of V14?
2. What is the first command in v. 14?
3. How would we define “the unruly”?
4. Read 2 Thess. 3:6-13. Compare these two passages.
5. What is the command in 2 Thess.3:6?

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❖ Day 2

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6. Re-read 1 Thess.5:14. When Paul says to encourage the faint hearted, how does this differ from admonishing the unruly?
7. While considering “the fainthearted”, read Isaiah 35:3-4. What do we learn from the Isaiah passage?
8. How would we define the fainthearted?
9. Why is it important that we encourage the faint hearted?
10. Note the phrase “help the weak” in our passage. Read Romans 14:1-4. What is the context of the term “weak” in the Romans passage?
11. How might the Romans passage help us understand the context of the term “weak” in our passage?
12. After admonishing the believers to help the weak, what is the last way that Paul urges the people to treat each other in the fellowship of the church?

❖ Day 3

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13. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. What is the first way love is defined?
14. How would we define patience biblically?
15. Who are we to be patient with?

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- 16. Re-read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 along with 1 Thess. 5:12-28. How should we understand our passage in light of 1 Cor. 13?**
- 17. How would you summarize how we all must relate to fellow believers?**
- 18. How do you see this played out in our local body here at Summit Woods?**
- 19. How might you apply what we have learned today?**
- 20. Summarize this passage in one sentence.**