

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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 Thess 5:12-22.

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.

17 Pray

without ceasing

1. What is the command in v. 17?
2. How often are we to be praying?
3. How does one pray without ceasing?
4. What might some common misconceptions be to applying this command?
5. Notice the all-encompassing words used in verses 15-18. Make a list of these words.
6. What might Paul be doing by stringing these all-encompassing commands together?
7. What is prayer?

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❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 5:12-22 again.

8. Why might God require his people to pray?
9. How is biblical prayer different from a worldly view of prayer? Differer from other religions?
10. Where else have we seen prayer in 1 Thess?
11. How should the apostle's prayers found in this letter impact the Thessalonians?
12. Why do you think Paul was compelled to command them to pray? Why would they need this instruction?
13. How would one disobey this command?
14. What are some of the benefits of praying without ceasing?
15. How is prayer an act of humility?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 5:12-22 again.

16. What reasons for praying might the Thessalonians find within the letter of 1 Thess?
17. Why do you think Paul included the prepositional phrase "without ceasing"?

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18. What prevents us from obeying this command? What hindrances are in your life that keep you from praying without ceasing?
19. How should this command influence your walk with God as you seek to “grow in what you know”?
20. How might this command impact your discipling relationships?
21. How might this command impact your boldness in evangelistic conversations?
22. How might this command impact your participation in missions?

In preparation for Sunday, pray! Pray that you would grow in dependency upon the Lord that you would grow in your prayer life. Pray that you would be attentive to the prayers of the saints and elders of the church during the gathering to better learn how to pray. Pray you would be faithful to join the body of Christ in prayer during the gathering and throughout the week.