

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

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.

19 Do not quench the Spirit;

20 do not despise prophetic utterances.

21 But

Examine everything carefully

hold fast to that which is good;

22. abstain from every form of evil.

1. How was your prayer life impacted by last week's sermon on "pray without ceasing"?

2. What are the 5 commands given in 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22?

3. Which of the commands are negative, which of them are positive?

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4. What spirit is Paul talking about in v. 19 and what does this Spirit do?
5. Why would Paul write “Do NOT quench the Spirit”? Does v. 20 give a us a clue as to how the Spirit was being quenched by the Thessalonians?
6. How do we quench the work of the Spirit in our daily lives?
7. What other bad things can we do to the Spirit other than quench it?

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 5:19-22 again.

8. What does the word despise mean?
9. How do other versions translate 1 Thessalonians 5:20?
10. Define or explain, what are prophetic utterances/prophecies?

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11. Give examples in scripture of prophetic utterances/prophecies.
12. Paul says we are to “examine everything carefully” what does that include in a Christian’s life?
13. Whose responsibility is it in the church to examine everything carefully?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 5:19-22 again.

14. What are some other ways Paul says “Hold fast to that which is good” in his letters? See Phil 4:8, Romans 12:9, Galatians 6:10 or other scriptures. What is the dynamic of HOLDING FAST?
15. How do we hold fast to that which is good?
16. What do other verses in the Bible say is “good”?

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17. What are some forms that evil comes in?

18. How does one learn to discern evil and the forms it comes in?

19. Summarize this passage in your own words.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that the members of SWBC would conform to these commands of Scripture.