

# **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:12-15 “How to be Earthly Good”**

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### **How to Live in Light of Jesus Return**

#### **Practical Problems with Bible Prophecy**

- Speculation, Interpretation, Reactions
- Heavenly Mind vs Earthly Good

#### **Practical Examples of How to be Earthly Good**

- Spiritual Leaders, Believers, Living for the Lord

## **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:12-13**

### **Respect and Cooperate with Your Spiritual Leaders**

- Good Leaders & Short Supply Eze 22:30, 2Cron 16:9
- Leaders are not Perfect, Only Jesus Never Fails

#### **1. Should be Mature & Earn Your Respect**

- Work, Hats, Intangible & Emotional Situations
- A Leader is Like a Roof

#### **2. Believers Should Esteem Their Leaders**

- Heb 13:17 Cooperate & Make Their Job Easier
- Pray for and Join the Work

### **V13 Be at Peace Among Yourselves**

- Problems, Prophets and Gripping
- The Church Pool

## **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:14-15**

### **We Exhort You Brothers**

- **Our Job:** The Unity, Health, Needs of the Flock

#### **A Picture of a Healthy Church Neh 3 “Next to Him”**

- Everyone Had a Section, Worked
- Bricks & Lives Interlock—Provide Safety for all

### **4 Ways to Build While We Wait for the Rapture**

- **Warn the Unruly**
- Disorderly, Rebellious, Contentious, Trouble Maker

### **Be a Real Friend**

- Prov 27:6 Faithful are the Wounds of a Friend

- The Goal: Reconcile and Restore Mt 18:15-17
- Titus 3:10 Last Resort

## **2. Comfort the Fainthearted**

- Small Souled: Weak in Faith
- Struggles with Trusting, Doubts, Challenges

**Dwight Eisenhower** “ Lets walk together and get strength from each other”

- The Church Body and White Blood Cells

## **3. Uphold the Weak**

- New Believers: Adjustments and the Enemy
- Value of Mature Believers

**Every Christian Hits Bottom at Some Point**

- **Exo 17** Moses, Joshua and 2 men
- We all Win When.... We Hold Each Other Up

## **4. Don't Render Evil for Evil**

- Revenge is Natural and Popular

**When it Happens Among Believers.....**

- Forgiveness Must be Learned and Practiced A Lot!

**The Blind Eye & the Deaf Ear** God's House is Messy

- Don't Focus On It! Forgive and Be a Person of Hope

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**While We Wait for the Rapture.....**

“The Church is not a Country Club for Saints  
It's a Hospital for Sinners.”

**You Expect to Find 2 Kinds of People in a Hospital**

So then....The Question to Ask