

## **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:16-28 “Last Days Priorities”**

### **Comfort & Instruction on the Day of the Lord**

- Keep the Main Thing, The Main Thing
- Extra Challenges in the Last Days Mt 24

### **Staying Focused on 4 Spiritual Priorities**

#### **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:16-18**

##### **#1 Be Really Good at the Basics**

###### **1. Rejoice in the Lord**

- Be Real, but There is Much to be Happy About
- Prov 17:22 Joy is Medicine and Attractive

###### **2. Pray Without Ceasing Regular & Corporate**

- Recurring and Ongoing, Opened Ended Conversation
- Neh 2:4, Heb 4:16

###### **3. In Everything Give Thanks**

- Not For Everything !
- In the Midst of Any and All Circumstances

#### **Rom 8:28 All Things God’s Amazing Track Record**

#### **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:19-22**

##### **#2 Be Spiritually Discerning**

###### **1. Don’t Quench the Spirit**

- Be Open and Seek Spiritual Gifts , 1 Cor 14:1

###### **2. Test Spiritual Experience Need in the Last Days**

- False Teaching, Weirdness, Unbiblical Behavior
- Quench? Eph 4:30
- Holy Spirit Will Never Contradict the Written Word

###### **3. Abstain from Every Form of Evil**

- Context: False Teachers, A Letter, Prophecy
- Don't Listen, Don't Support

### **Practical Life Principle**

- Protect Your Testimony
- Don't Make the Devil's Job Easy
- Holy Spirit will Never Contradict the Written Word

### **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:23-24**

#### **#3 Be Set Apart to the Lord**

- Sanctification: The Work of the Holy Spirit
- You Are Different!

**Set Yourself Aside** Spirit, Soul and Body

- Logic to the Christian Life & Last Days

### **1 Thessalonians Ch 5:25-28**

#### **#4 Stay Connected to the Church Family**

- The Church: A Flock, A Body, A Family
- The Spirit Connects, Satan Tries to Disconnect
- Public Reading & Teaching of the Bible
- The Holy Kiss of Friendship

**As We Wait : Live Wisely, Shine Brightly**