

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1399: How Can We Each Contribute to the Health of Our Church?

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See:



1. 1 Thessalonians 5:14: "Admonish the unruly"—explain the meaning of this instruction.
 - a. 2 Thessalonians 3:10-15—Describe this situation. How does this build each other up?
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:14: "Encourage the faint-hearted"—who are the faint-hearted?
 - a. John 11:19, 1 Thessalonians 2:11—distinguish between the two types of encouragement or comfort.
 - b. Matthew 6:31-32, 1 Corinthians 12:25-26—how can anxiety be both bad and good? How can we help?
3. 1 Thessalonians 5:14: "Help the weak"—how are the weak here different from the faint-hearted?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 9:22-23—how did Paul feel it is an advantage to be weak?
 - b. 1 Corinthians 12:21-22—why are the weak and faint-hearted vital and necessary to the body of Christ?
4. 1 Thessalonians 5:14: "Be patient with everyone"—what kind of patience does this describe?
 - a. How is the patience in Luke 21:19 different from 1 Thessalonians 5:14? How should we use this with our brethren? Consider Ephesians 4:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 in your answer.
 - b. Why do you think this kind of patience is necessary for the body's cohesiveness? Why is forbearance a defining characteristic of discipleship and selfless love? How do you practice forbearance with "everyone," and especially with your Christian community?
5. Live like Jesus lived! 1 Thessalonians 5:15: "See that no one repays another with evil for evil"
 - a. Isaiah 53:7—how did Jesus embody this concept?
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:7-8—how did the Corinthians not do this?
 - c. Romans 12:14-19—what do these texts mean to you? Have you ever repaid evil with evil? What was the result? Have you ever thought about doing so without physically acting upon it? What was the result?
6. Page 15 has a "THINK!" paragraph that says: "God's judgment is just AND merciful! Let us completely rest in His wisdom. Do we think God is unaware, or not paying attention to our circumstances so that we need take matters into our own hands? Leave vengeance where it belongs!" Can you do this? Explain using situations from your life.
7. "Live like Jesus lived!" How do we do this?
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 5:15—how did Jesus do this?
 - b. 1 Peter 3:8-9—what does it mean to "live intentionally, not reactively?" Give examples.
 - c. 1 Peter 3:15-17—why is it better to suffer for doing right? Give examples from your experiences.
 - d. Contrast how repaying evil for evil with repaying something blessed or hopeful in place of the evil done to you affects relationships.
 - e. Do you presently have an opportunity to put something good in place of the evil done to you? Explain.