

SERMON HANDOUT for March 5, 2023



An Authentic Life!

An Authentic Accountability

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

An exhortation for people:

- † Honor church leaders for their labor
- † Be accountable to leadership
- † Wisdom as to how to treat each other

Paul's benediction - God would keep them holy until Christ's return.

Daniel Webster - *"My greatest thought is my accountability to God."*

Accountability to God breeds accountability to one another!

AN AUTHENTIC ACCOUNTABILITY...

1) IS ACCOUNTABLE TO _____ - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NKJV

- "Recognize" (Greek: *oida*) - to honor, to show honor to, to respect; to understand.
- "Admonish" - to teach, to instruct...
- "Esteem" (Greek: *hegeomai*) - to hold a view, to have an opinion, to consider or to regard.

2) IS ACCOUNTABLE TO _____ (Each Other) - 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 NKJV

"Exhort" (Greek: *parakaleo*) means to encourage, console, urge or implore.

- Warn those who are disorderly/lazy... also called "sluggard" - Proverbs 21:25 NKJV
- Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.
- See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

3) IS ACCOUNTABLE TO _____ - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 NKJV

Paul reminds the Thessalonian believers that their behavior should be as follows:

¹⁶ Always be joyful...

¹⁷ Never stop praying...

¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, (recognize that) this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not stifle (quench) the Holy Spirit...

Also - we are not to grieve the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 4:30 NKJV

✝ **Quench** means to stop, extinguish its fire

✝ **Grieve** means to cause pain or sorrow, to make sad

²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies...inspired utterances, Rhema's, Preached Word.

²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good...

²² Stay away from every kind of evil...

4) HOPES IN CHRIST'S _____ - 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11 NKJV

- Sanctify You Completely...
- May Your Whole Body, Spirit and Soul be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...
- He Who Calls You is Faithful, Who also Will do it....
- Verses 25-28 — Paul's closing salutation...
