



1 Thessalonians

A CALL TO PERSISTENT HOPE

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-22

THE POSITION OF OUR HEART

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¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-22

¹⁵ See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²² Stay away from every kind of evil.



THE LIST

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- ❑ Never stop praying
- ❑ Be thankful
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MATTHEW 22:36-40

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must *love* the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘*Love* your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:14

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LOVE IS PATIENT

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16

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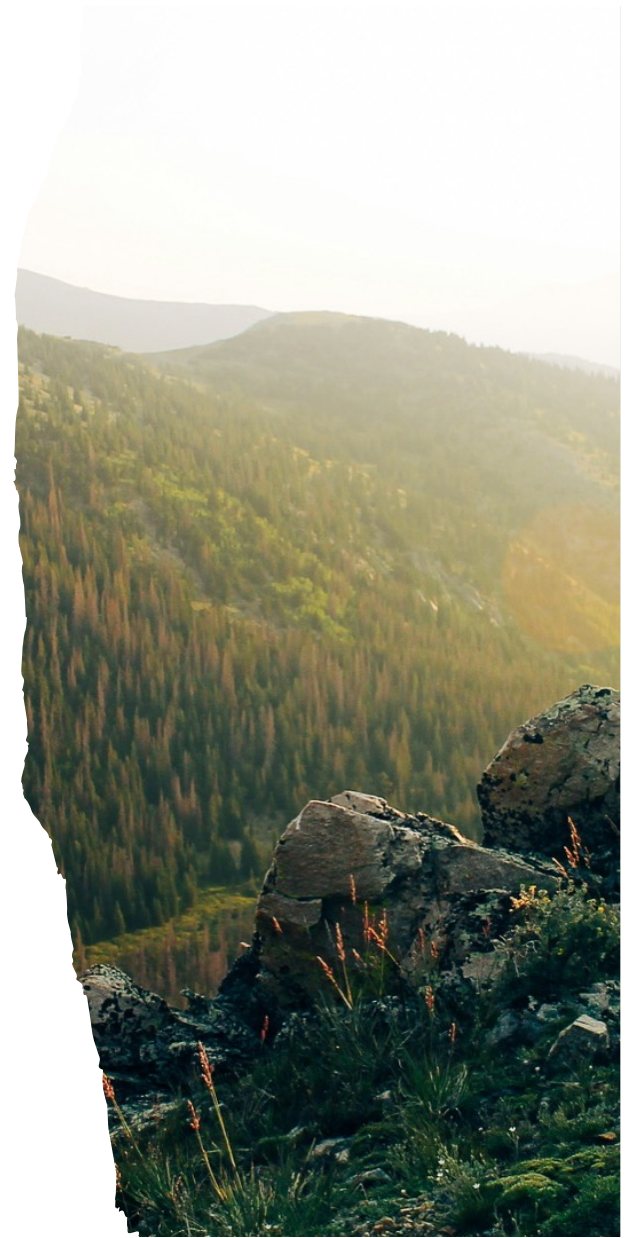
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1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-17

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PHILIPPIANS 4:4-6

⁴ Always be **full of joy** in the Lord. I say it again—**rejoice!** ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, **pray about everything**. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.



MATTHEW 11:28-30

²⁸ Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

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