

TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Part 4 “Empowered”

“...be patient with everyone.”

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A LITTLE REVIEW

- This letter was written from Corinth by Paul, after Timothy’s news of the Thessalonians’ **faith** and **love** (3:6).
- This letter was written to a church doing much **correctly**, but had challenges (4:1).
- Paul wrote to remind, correct, **encourage**, warn and **instruct** the saints.
- After explaining when their Savior would return, Paul turns to **relationships** within the church in light of that **great hope**.

SEVEN COMMANDS IN THREE VERSES (5:13-15)

1. Live at **peace**.
2. **Admonish** the unruly.
3. Encourage the **fainthearted**.
4. **Help** the weak.
5. Be patient with **everyone**.
6. See that no one **repays** evil with evil.
7. **Seek after** that which is good for all people.

HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED

Be Patient with **Everyone** (v. 14)

- Patience = **Long**suffering or long **spirited**
- Longsuffering is that quality of **self-restraint** in the face of provocation. It does not lash out in **anger**.
- Longsuffering is associated with **mercy**.
- Longsuffering is **Spirit** led.

Spirit Empowered People Desire **Excellence** for Everyone (v. 15)

- The Spirit of God does not **produce** evil intent or actions.
- The church looks after **each other** in seeking **good** for all.
- To seek good for all would **move** us to share our faith.

Spirit **Empowered** People **Examine** Themselves Carefully (vv. 21-24)

- Are you long spirited towards everyone?
- What would your family say?
- Would work or classmates describe you as full of mercy?
- How would those who oppose you describe your actions?

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Our Savior wants each of us to realize we cannot do this without His Spirit's leading. To truly care for one another is a Spirit empowered mission.

Christ will do it! I must **yield**.