

First Thessalonians Study
Questions for First Thessalonians 5:12-28

1. Who is Paul referring to in verses 12-13 and what is he calling Christians to do? What is the reason Paul gives for this and why are they to do so?
2. Paul mentions three types of people in verse 14: the idle, fainthearted, and weak. What do you think characterized each of these types of people? (see verses below)
 - a. The Idle (Gen 2:15; 1 Thes 4:9-12)
 - b. The Fainthearted (1Thes 3-4)
 - c. Weak (1Thes 5:1-11)
 - d. How are we to deal with these types of people?
3. Paul gives several admonitions to the Thessalonian believers (and us) in verses 16-20. How do the following verses impact you as you consider each one of these commands for yourself?
 - a. Rejoice Always
 1. Rom 14:17
 2. Gal 5:22
 3. Rom 5:2-5
 - b. Pray Unceasingly
 1. Col 3:16
 - c. Give Thanks in All Situations
 1. Eph 5:20; Col 3:15
4. Prophecy is "Speaking forth the Word of God." Now that the Canon is complete, what is prophecy? How do you respond to someone who speaks forth the Word of God to you regarding a particular issue in your life?
5. How has your study of First Thessalonians impacted your life this semester? How has your thinking changed? How have your actions changed? Can you list at least three truths that have impacted your Christian walk because of this study?