

Living the Holy Life

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Scripture:

“¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–24, ESV)

From the Introduction:

God has called each of us to live a balanced life. This life is one that takes all three of these aspects of holy living and brings them together, creating mature men and women of God.

Outline:

- I. Individual _____ (5:16-18)
 - A. In living the responsible, holy life one must consider their personal responsibilities to the Lord and others; this is manifest in our _____.
 - B. We see in these verses God's will for _____ believer.
- II. Corporate _____ (5:19-22)
 - A. In addition to individual responsibility in personal behavior, there is life in the _____ of the believers.
 - B. Participation in the body makes us _____.
- III. Divine _____ (5:23-24)
 - A. It is the desire of God to enable us to _____ His goals.
 - B. God does not start a task that He is unwilling, or unable to _____.

Remember:

“Sanctify them with truth; your word is truth.” – John 17:17

Reflect:

“Saving faith is an immediate relation to Christ, accepting, receiving, resting upon Him alone, for justification, sanctification, and eternal life by virtue of God’s grace.”

Charles Spurgeon

Seek:

The word “sanctify” (hagiazō) in verse 23 means, “to make holy, i.e., purify or consecrate.” Paul asks that the “God of peace” sanctify you making “your whole spirit and soul and body [to] be blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” What does this verse say to you about how you should live your daily life? What are your personal expectations for Christ’s return?

Share:

In verses 16-18 of our text, Paul tells us we are to “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks.” He then adds, “for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” How important is it for you to know that these three things are the will of God for you? How will you manifest them on a daily basis?

Serve:

In verse 19, Paul states, “Do not quench the Spirit.” Do you earnestly seek the Holy Spirit in your service to God? How important is the Holy Spirit to you in serving others?

Pray:

Thank God for all He has done to sanctify you and set you apart for a purpose. Seek the Holy Spirit, and ask Him to anoint you for service to others.