

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 5

Verse 18

1. One of the marks of a _____-filled believer is an attitude of thankfulness.

Ephesians 5:18-20

2. How could Paul keep such a positive mindset during deep trials (2 **Corinthians 4:8-12**)? He refused to focus on the temporal, but rather focused on the _____. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

Verse 19-21

1. I have grouped these three verses together because they all go hand in hand in the context of the passage.
2. Paul wrote the book of 1 Thessalonians during the Acts time period, when he was still traveling. It is one of Paul's earliest books.
3. During this time period when God's Word was incomplete, it was necessary for God's truth to be dispensed to the churches, and they had to be constantly brought up to speed with _____ truth as God revealed it.
4. There would be people in the church with the gift of _____. The Holy Spirit would reveal to them His truth and they, in turn, would proclaim it to the church body.
5. During these days when truth was being dispensed, a person could quench the Spirit by despising the prophesying of another brother.
 - But, if a man said, "Thus saith the Lord," were they to automatically believe him?
6. Paul said that the church was to _____ all things.
 - To "prove" simply means "to _____."

7. How did the church test prophets in the early church? Paul explains in **1 Corinthians 14:37**:
- *“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.”*
8. Today we prove all things by comparing them to God’s _____ Word.
- One of Paul’s constant prayers was that the church would exercise godly wisdom and discernment and would not fall for _____ doctrine. **Colossians 1:9-10, 2:2-8**
9. Verse 21 is a call for the Christian to not be spiritually _____.
10. After you have tested it against the authority of God’s Word, _____ fast that which is good, and discard anything else.