

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 5

Verse 22

1. The word “appearance” carries the idea that if something can be viewed in any way to be _____, stay away from it.
 - *“For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.” Romans 16:19*
 - The word “*simple*” means “_____.”
2. _____ is a man in the Bible who did not abstain from all appearance of evil and it cost him dearly.
 - *“And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked.” 2 Peter 2:7*
 - *“(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)” 2 Peter 2:8*
3. When we _____ our righteous souls with the words and deeds of this world system, it destroys us, just as it did Lot. 1 John 2:15-16

Verse 23

1. In chapter 4 we discussed the issue of “*sanctification*” and that the word is speaking of holiness or _____.
2. Paul was praying for God to sanctify them wholly. This simply means “_____ to the end.”
 - *“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6*

Verse 24

1. Paul was very confident that God would continue His work of sanctification in these people.

2. Isn't it wonderful that God is _____, even when we aren't?
cf. 1 Corinthians 1:7-9; Philipians 1:6

Verse 25

- This is such a simple, yet precious verse. Paul knew that he stood in need of _____ and desired the prayers of the saints.

Verse 26

- Obviously, this was a standard form of _____ in that culture. Notice, it says "*brethren.*"

Verse 27

1. It is interesting that Paul desired "*that this epistle be read unto **all** the holy brethren,*" not just the pastors or spiritual leaders.
2. God knows _____ of a privileged group called "the clergy" which keeps the Word of God out of the hand of the common man or woman.

Verse 28

1. Paul's desire was that the grace that had saved them be manifested in the local assembly.
2. This is God's desire. God desires for His _____ to abound and be what is seen in the local assembly of believers.