

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

“Pleasing God with How We Relate to One Another” (Part 5) I Thessalonians 5:19-21

INTRODUCTION

- In the Early Church

- Examples of questions asked for canonization

- A. On Sexual Purity (4:3-8)
- B. On Loving the Brethren (4:9-12)
- C. On the Reality of Future Events (4:13-18)
- D. On the Day of the Lord (5:1-11)
- E. On How We Relate to One Another (12-22)**
 1. On How We Recognize Leaders (5:12-13)
 2. On Shepherding Others (5:14)
 3. On Nonretaliation (5:15)
 4. On Rejoicing (5:16)
 5. On Regular Prayer (5:17)
 6. On Gratitude (5:18)
 - 7. On Testing the Spirits (5:19-22)**
 8. On Responding to Evil (5:22)

- KEY POINT: We please God by _____ God's Word and remaining _____ to it.

EXPOSITION: Pleasing God with How We Relate to One Another

I. Our Problem with God's Word (vs. 19-20).

- A. _____ (vs. 19)

- Isaiah 63:10; Acts 7:51; Ephesians 4:30

- The word "Quench"
- Ephesians 5:18

B. _____ (vs. 20)

- The word "Prophecy"
- Ephesians 4:11-12; I Corinthians 13:8
- The word "Despise"
- What Makes the Word Un-Despisable?
 - a. Because it is _____ (Isa 1:2)
 - b. Because it is _____ (Ps 19:7)
 - c. Because it is _____ (Prov 30:5-6; Matt 5:18)
 - d. Because it is _____ (Ps 19:7-11; II Tim 3:15-17)
 - e. Because it is _____ (Isa 55:11)
 - f. Because it is _____ (Matt 4:4; II Pet 1:20-21; Rev 1:3)
 - g. Because it is _____ (John 5:24)
 - h. Because it is _____: truth (John 17:17), happiness (Prov 8:34; Luke 11:28), victorious (Ps 119:9, 11; Matt 4:1-11; Eph 6:17), spiritual growth (Ps 19:8; 119:105), hopeful (Ps 119:116; Rom 15:4)

II. **Our Priority with God's Word (vs. 21).**

A. _____ (vs. 21a)

- The word "test"
- False Teachers in the N.T.
- Acts 17:11; Proverbs 14:15; Ephesians 4:4; I John 4:1

B. _____ (vs. 21b)

- Proverbs 23:23
- What does it mean to buy the truth?

CONCLUSION