

Every Member Ministry

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

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Big Idea: Minister to One Another

1.) Ministering to the Unruly (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly..." (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

A.) Who Are They? The Disorderly or Insubordinate

B.) How Do We Minister To Them? We Admonish Them

"that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing." (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

i.) Admonishments Should Identify Danger

ii.) Admonishments Should Be Clear

iii.) Admonishments Should Provide an Alternative

iv.) Admonishments Should Provide Proper Motivation

2.) Ministering to the Faint-Hearted (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

"So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage." (Exodus 6:9)

"Say to those who are fearful-hearted..." (Isaiah 35:4)

A.) Who Are They? The Discouraged and Despondent Because of Difficult Circumstances

B.) How Do We Minister To Them? We Encourage Them

i.) Encouragements Should Offer Perspective

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again.." (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

ii.) Encouragements Should Offer Hope

"...And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple" (Psalm 27:4)

3.) Ministering to the Weak (1 Thess. 5:1-11)

A.) Who Are They? The Spiritually Weak

B.) How Do We Minister To Them? We Help Them

i.) Help Should Remind Them of What They Know

ii.) Help Should Remind Them of Their Gospel Identity

iii.) Help Should Remind Them of Their Duty

"Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." (1 Thessalonians 5:6)

4.) Ministering to All Members (1 Thess. 5:15)

Read Verse 15.

A.) Be Patient and Seek to do Good.

5.) Three Lessons:

A.) There Are No Timeouts

B.) There Are No Sidelines

C.) This is Not a Game