

"Family Matters"
1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

Central Idea: Relationships in the church family are to be characterized by the assistance we provide to one another.

Note the following:

- Paul issues these as _____ . _____ commands.
- Pattern: _____ (command) + _____ (those being identified)
- "brethren" = brothers & sisters - _____ uses in 1 Thessalonians

#1 - "admonish the unruly" (14)

- "admonish" giving _____ w/ a view toward _____
 - a _____ - putting _____ into someone's _____
- "unruly" (idle, lazy, undisciplined)
 - military sense - a soldier who was out of _____, out of _____
 - Greek society - those who did not show up for _____
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 7, 11
- In the church it refers to the _____.

#2 - "encourage the fainthearted" (14)

- "encourage" - coming _____ to their side & speaking to them in a _____ way.
- "fainthearted" = "small _____" — _____
In the church it refers to the _____ or _____.

They need to hear - "You _____ do it."

#3 - help the weak (14)

- "help"- to keep close to someone so as to _____ them up

- “weak”
- weakness in their _____ life.

In the church it refers to the spiritually _____.

#4 - be patient with everyone (14)

- “patient” - “_____”

The word usually meant patience with _____.

- “everyone” = _____ -- no exceptions

In the church it refers to the _____.

#5 - Don't retaliate when mistreated (15)

- “see” - “be _____, be on your _____, make _____”

Don't retaliate - no _____ back

- “seek” = press _____ after, _____ with earnestness & diligence

Give them what is _____.

Application:

1. _____ yourself in light of these commands.

These commands come to us from the _____ and are to be lived out in the life of _____ follower of Christ.

We tend to minimize & rationalize & excuse ourselves when we should simply be _____ to what God calls us to do.

2. Pray for strength to obey these commands this week by the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

- We need the Holy Spirit to do _____ and _____ of this.

- Consider sharing with someone else who can _____ you in your commitment to obedience.