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HOW TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE

The book of 1 Thessalonians is full of instructions about end times and also how to live a holy life. In chapter 5:12-22 it gives us some admonitions for holy living. They are:

1. ***Know who labors among you in the Lord.*** Get to know those that minister to you.
2. ***Esteem (treat) them highly for their work's sake.*** Treat leaders with respect.
3. ***Be at peace among yourselves.*** (this would be in the church and outside the church).
4. ***Warn them that are unruly.*** They need to know when they are in error and be warned.
5. ***Comfort the feebleminded.*** Be a support to people with little strength.
6. ***Support the weak.*** Be strong for others when they have no strength.
7. ***Be patient toward all men.*** Do not be impatient with others. Be willing to give others grace when they do not meet your expectations.
8. ***See that none render evil for evil.*** Do not repay someone with evil.
9. ***Follow after that which is good.*** This is in the church and outside the church.
10. ***Rejoice evermore.*** Let praise be a daily part of your life.
11. ***Pray without ceasing.*** Always be in communion with God.
12. ***In everything give thanks*** because this is the will of God for you.
13. ***Quench not the Spirit.*** Let the Holy Spirit move in your life and in the church.
14. ***Despise not prophesyings.*** This means to not hate prophesying and to listen and be led by the true prophets through their prophetic voice, not just preaching.
15. ***Prove all things.*** This means to test all things before making decisions.
16. ***Hold fast to that which is good.*** Always stick with God and his plan.
17. ***Abstain from all appearance of evil.*** This is inward and outward.

When we meet these conditions, we are living a holy life and we can be confident that verse 23 will work in our lives. It reads, ***“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

This scripture promises us that if we meet the conditions in Verses 12-22 we can be looked upon by God as blameless. This should be our goal every day, and through doing it we will live in victory. It means living a crucified life with the one desire, and that is to please Jesus and not ourselves.