

“Righteous Relationships”

Sunday, July 25, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

BIG IDEA: Christ-followers maintain righteous relationships.

“...we exhort you, brothers and sisters...”
1 Thessalonians 5:14 (CSB)

☞ The Christ-follower’s Relationship With Church Leaders. (v12-13)

- The Church Leader’s Task List:
 - Work.
 - Lead.
 - Admonish.
- The Christ-follower’s Task List:
 - Appreciate.
 - Respect.
 - Resolve.

☞ The Christ-follower’s Relationship With Other Believers. (v14-15)

- Be warned.
- Be comforted.
- Be strengthened.

- Be patient.
- Be careful.
- Be good.

☞ The Christ-follower’s Relationship With Persecutors. (v16-17)

- Choose joy.
- Choose prayer.
- Choose gratitude.

☞ The Christ-follower’s Relationship With The Holy Spirit. (v19-22)

- What NOT to do.
 - Don’t stifle the Spirit.
 - Don’t reject gifts.
- What TO do.
 - Use discernment.
 - Embrace what is sound.
 - Shun what is evil.

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THINK: Reflect on Paul’s exhortations here, then ask yourself these questions: *What causes you to “blow a gasket”? Bad traffic? Christmas shopping? Fussing kids? Burned dinners? Or what? From this passage, with whom do Christ-followers find*

*themselves in relationship? What attitudes underlie Paul's various commands here?
What impressions of the Christian life do these commands give you?*

DO: Of the various commands here, which are most relevant to our church? To your family? To your work or school environment? To you personally? Which of these commands do you feel you are already practicing? Which one(s) will you work on this week? How?