

Letter to the Thessalonians:

To the church of the Thessalonians:

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

-Paul-

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15 See that no one repays evil for evil, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all people.

16 Rejoice always.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 Give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Hebrews 13

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they watch over your souls as those who must give an account.

To this end, allow them to lead with joy and not with grief, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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1 Corinthians 4

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to **admonish** you as my beloved children.

15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Acts 20

29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to **admonish** each one with tears.

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- some have “idle”

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Romans 15

14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to **admonish** one another.

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Colossians 3

16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you,
with all wisdom teaching and **admonishing** one another
with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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2 Thessalonians 3

14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter,
take special note of that person and do not associate with
him, so that he will be put to shame.

15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy,
but **admonish** him as a brother.

Hebrews 3

12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a wicked heart of unbelief that turns away from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

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- literally “small souled” “small spirited”
- timid, discouraged, fretful, depressed, worried, anxious

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- Those who are weak through lack of knowledge.
- Those who are weak in faith – struggle to believe. (Rom. 4:19)
- Those who are weak in battling the flesh. (2 Cor. 11:29, Matt. 26:41)
- Those who are weak in conscience. (Rom. 14:1-2, 1 Cor. 8:7-10)
- Those who are weak physically – the sick. (James 5:14)

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35 "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner **you must help the weak** and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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Ephesians 3

8 Though I am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things.

10 His purpose was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

11 according to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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