



I THESSALONIANS

Part Fifty One: "Ready Living, part 1"

1 Thessalonians 5:11-13 - INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Paul has helped the people to align their **thinking** to with readiness for the Rapture (5:1-5), and he has taught them what it means to be **watching** for the Rapture (5:6-10). On that basis (*wherefore*) he gives instruction for how the church can **LIVE** ready. This instruction is in three groups:

1. Instruction to the church as a whole. 11-13.
2. Instruction to the leaders. 14-15.
3. Instruction to individual believers. 16-22.

Instruction to the church as a whole. 11-13.

1. Maintain an atmosphere of encouragement. *comfort yourselves together*
2. Be constantly building fellow believers. *and edify one another*
3. Always be conscious of these things. *even as also ye do*
4. Be approachable to fellow believers. *And we beseech you, brethren*
5. Have a right attitude towards the church leadership.
 - A. Acknowledge their position. *to know them which labour among you*
 - 1) Their work. *labour among you*
 - 2) Their spiritual authority. *and are over you in the Lord*
 - 3) Their instruction. *and admonish you*
 - B. Maintain a high regard for them.
 - 1) Highly respect them as called of God. *And to esteem them very highly*
 - 2) Keep a healthy love for them. *in love*
 - 3) Value their work. *for their work's sake*
6. Maintain an atmosphere of peace in the church.

And be at peace among yourselves