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

   And be at peace among yourselves