

# THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,  
and sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,  
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner  
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

**(Hebrews 4:12)**

# THEME OF 1 THESSALONIANS

*“Holiness in Light of Christ’s Return”*

**“That He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”**

*(1 Thessalonians 3:13)*

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## **(II. D) LIFE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:12–22)*

### **(1) CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS** *(vv 12–15)*

**12** And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,  
**13** and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.  
Be at peace among yourselves.

**14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

**15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

## **(II. D) LIFE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:12–22)*

### **(2) BASICS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING** *(vv 16–22)*

**16** Rejoice always, *(R)*

**17** pray without ceasing, *(P)*

**18** in everything give thanks; *(T)*

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**19** Do not quench the Spirit.

**20** Do not despise prophecies.

**21** Test all things; hold fast what is good.

**22** Abstain from every form of evil.

## **(II. E) BENEDICTION/CONCLUSION**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:23–28)*

### **(1) BENEDICTION** (vv 23,24)

**23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**24** He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

## **(II. E) BENEDICTION/CONCLUSION**

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### **(2) CONCLUSION** (vv 25–28)

**25** Brethren, pray for us.

**26** Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

**27** I charge you by the Lord that this epistle  
be read to all the holy brethren.

**28** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Amen.

# ***“Live This Day in Light of That Day”***

*“Live this day in light of that day,  
faithful in the work we do.*

*Let the Cross direct your path,  
die to self and rise with Jesus.*

*Every moment has great purpose,  
when it’s lived for Christ today.”*