

## 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians chapter 5

Though Paul refuses to get into a debate about the timing of Jesus' return, he apparently had not left these believers totally "in the dark" on the issue. Consider his references to light and dark in this first section. (Vs. 1-10)



List some of the things they'd been "enlightened" about....

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Knowing this, what kind of lives were they to live?

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What **3** things were they to put on? (See Ephesians 6:10-18)

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What did he tell them to continue to do for one another? (Vs. 11)

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As Paul winds up his letter he gives them some final instructions. Try to answer the following questions.

Who were they to respect? (Vs. 12-13)

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What three groups were they to take note of\_ and how were they to treat them? (Vs. 14)

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With whom were they to be patient? (Vs. 14)

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What does he say about retaliation\_ and to whom were they to show kindness? (Vs. 15)

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What three things are they to do continually? (Vs. 16-18) Why?

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What "dos" and "don'ts" are there in vs. 19-22?

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What is Paul's prayer for them in vs. 23 & 28?

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What **2** things are they to "share" with the church? (Vs. 26-27)

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### *Points to Ponder*

*What does it mean to be "idle"- and how should we warn them?*

*Who was Paul certain would sanctify them?*

*How could one possibly put out the Spirit's fire?*

