BIBLE**CHURCH**
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New Testament Handles
1 Thessalonians

1. **Model of Gospel Ministry – Paul & Silas & Timothy**

   a. Word-centric – 1:5, 2:3-4, 2:13
   b. In Holy Spirit – 1:5
   c. Bold – 1:5, 2:2
   d. Humble / Not Self-Serving – 2:5-6, 2:9
   e. Gentle / Affectionate – 2:7-8
   f. Impart lives in relationship, not just words – 2:8
   g. With Integrity (practice what we preach) – 2:10
   h. Earnest / Genuine – 2:11
   i. Not sugar-coating (neither the ongoing walk, nor the affliction coming) – 2:12, 3:4
   j. Praying – 1:2, 2:9-10, 2:11-13
   k. Continuing in Concern – 2:17-3:5
   l. Rejoicing in Growth – 3:6-9
   m. Ongoing Relationship – writing back with continued instruction / encouragement

2. **Model of Gospel Response – the Thessalonians**

   a. Received Gospel as from God with Joy of Holy Spirit – 1:6, 2:13
   b. Resulted in outworking of "faith, hope, love" in them – 1:3, 3:6, 4:9-10
   c. Immediate example to other believers – 1:7-9, 2:14
   d. Turned to God from idol worship – 1:9
   e. Eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus – 1:10
   f. Kindly relationship with Gospel ministers – 3:6

3. **Excellent Christian Walk**

   a. Holiness / Sanctification – 4:3-8

   b. Love of the Brothers – 4:9-10

   c. Honest Work – 4:10-11

   d. Christian Togetherness – 5:12-22

   • Honor your leaders – v. 12-13
   • Mutually spur one another on as needed with patience – v. 14-15
   • Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks continuously – v. 16-18

- Exercise Spiritual Discernment – v. 19-22

  Note on v. 22 – *"every form/appearance of evil"* refers to engaging in "outward evil." The word "form/appearance" is eidos (Gr). It is not the unseen evil in the heart, but the outward form that evil takes.

4. **Resurrection & Day of the Lord**

   a. Resurrection / Rapture – 4:13-18

   b. Day of the Lord – 5:1-11

      v. 2 – will come like a thief in the night
      v. 3 – involves sudden destruction, and no escape
      v. 4-5 – Christians will not be overtaken by this "thief"
      v. 9 – God has not destined the us for this wrath (1:10 – rescues us from wrath to come)
      v. 10 – whether awake or asleep will be with the Lord
      v. 11 – this teaching is designed to comfort the church