

Adhere to Moral Excellence

²¹ *Hold on to the good.* ²² *Avoid every kind of evil.*
1 Thessalonians 5:21b-22

Intercede for Believers

Brothers, pray for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:25

Scripture Prayer Guide

Using the Word of God

To Pray through

1 Thessalonians 2

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Live Morally Excellent Lives

³ *It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;* ⁴ *that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,* ⁵ *not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God.* ⁶ *and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you.* ⁷ *For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.* ⁸ *Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

Embrace Quiet, Hard-working and Respectable Lives

¹¹ *Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you,* ¹² *so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Maintain Hope Concerning Those Who Die in Christ

¹³ *Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.* ¹⁴ *We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen*

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asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Live in the Light of the Day of the Lord

¹ Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.
1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Be Alert and Self-controlled

⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-11

Respect your Spiritual Leaders

¹² Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a

Live in Peace with Each Other

Live in peace with each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:13b

Relate to Others Appropriately

And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.
1 Thessalonians 5:14

Be Kind to Others

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.
1 Thessalonians 5:15

Be Joyful

Be joyful always... 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Pray Continually

...pray continually. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Be Thankful

...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Maintain Spiritual Fervor

Do not put out the Spirit's fire... 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Respect Spiritual Authority

...do not treat prophecies with contempt.
1 Thessalonians 5:20

Be Spiritually Discerning

Test everything. 1 Thessalonians 5:21a