SERMON NOTES

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP
1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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I. _____ your elders, pastors, and lay leaders. (12-13)

II. _____ to be a transformational church addressing sin properly. (14-18)

III. Do not _____ the Spirit. (19-28)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Respect your elders, pastors, and lay leaders; Seek to be a transformational church addressing sin properly; Do not quench the Spirit.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 and answer the following questions:

1. What is a good definition for "respect"? Why do you think it's important to respect or appreciate leaders over you in the Lord? Why is it more difficult when they admonish you?

2. Please explain how we might...

a. Admonish

b. Encourage

c. Help

3. Why is it important to identify the heart? What happens if we ...

a. encourage or help the unruly (undisciplined, rebellious)?

b. admonish the fainthearted (despairing or doubting) or weak (unable physically or spiritually)?

c. only encourage the weak without helping them?

4. Please list the commands in verses 15-18. What insight do these commands give you about the will of God in your daily life?

5. Verse 19 says, "Do not quench the Spirit." What does "quench the Spirit mean?" How might the commands in verses 20-22 be connected to quenching the Spirit?

6. In the context of the passage, what does Paul mean when he tells us to "test everything" in verse 21? How are we to respond to the things as they're tested?

7. According to verses 23-24, God is faithful and our eternity is sure. If God makes things certain, then why are there so many commands and what role does our obedience play in God's certain work?

8. In verse 27, Paul said, "I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers." What is one great truth or calling from this whole letter that has impacted your worship?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

What is one thing from this passage that you will apply to your life—in your actions, thoughts, or desires—to better center your worship on the Lord?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, November 23 // 1 Corinthians 16:13-18
Watch and Respect Those Who Lead

Tuesday, November 24 // Galatians 5:16-6:2
Bear One Another's Burdens

Wednesday, November 25 // Hebrews 10:15-25
Encourage One Another with These Words

Thursday, November 26 // Romans 15:1-13
Care for the Weak

Friday, November 27 // John 1:1-8
In the Beginning was the Word