

Sermon Notes – September 9, 2018

God-Glorifying Living until the Return of Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

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Our Mission: *Helping people take the next step in one's relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Our Vision Statement:

Connect: *Connect through authentic community with other Christ-followers;* **Grow:** *Grow in one's personal relationship with Jesus;*

Go: *Go and serve others sharing love and the gospel.*

Jesus expects His church to be effective internally and infectious externally. This includes:

1. Vocational pastors who work hard for God's Kingdom (1 Thessalonians 5:12).
Pastors are to "labor" (kopiaō) in God's work. We need Bible teachers who put in serious hours of prayer and study for every message given.
2. Vocational pastors are to lead (be "overseers") who seek God's glory, rather than personal preferences (1 Thessalonians 5:12).
3. The congregation should be encouraging and supportive of those who lead "in the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
4. We are all called to be "can do's" rather than "won't do's", "want to's", or even "can't do's." We are called to be engaged for God's Kingdom and His glory (1 Thessalonians 5:13-15).

To prepare for next week's message, read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

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