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Series:

Sermon: Maintaining Your Blessed Status

- **1Thessalonians 5:12-24** - (KJV) 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. 16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

If you know what you know, why do you do what you do?

This church was a model church because they knew and their belief was evidence by their behavior. This was the model church. It is not just that they gathered but they actually did some things.

V. 1 & 2 - There was no need to write to them because they know. It has the basis of its belief in its behavior. It has revelation. When you know certain things, it ought to adjust your behavior. Revelation is empowerment to modify behavior. Thessalonians knew time and seasons. They were perfectly mature. Part of the act of being possessed is the inactivity of putting things in their place. What we fail to do allows us to miss the benefits of the blessing.

Exorcism Outline - things we need to control

1. Healthy Aptitude - keep learning v. 12-13
  1. What you are to do to the leaders of your church. You are to know them. You are to see with perception. There ought to be some marriage between walk and talk. We need to know because there needs to be some discernment. Support them. You gotta grow by getting what is good for you wherever you like it or not. V. 12-13
2. Healthy Atmosphere - take charge of it. Advocate for the positive v. 14- 16
  1. We need to be activity engage and face the negative activity.
    - a) Warn those that are unruly
    - b) Comfort the weak minded.
    - c) Support the weak.
    - d) Be patient with all. Continue to be faithful even when a person continues to mess up.

3. Healthy Attitudes and Actions. Do what you do no matter what everybody does. V. 16-22
  1. Rejoice evermore. Rejoice always.
  2. Pray always. If your power is in constant conversation with God, you ought to keep talking to Him.
  3. In everything give thanks.
  4. Quench not the Spirit
  5. Despise not prophesying.
  6. Prove all things.
  7. Abstain from all appearance of evil. Don't live backwards but keep moving forward. We don't have to consider going backwards because we know where our blessings come from.

The reason we we can do these things is because we know He is going to do it. Because we know what we know, we can shout right now. Are you exercising spiritual disciplines to maintain spiritual maturity. V. 23-24