

***Pursue Peace***

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

**Stay on target by pursuing peace in all relationships.**

**Pursue peace though ...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ your leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
  
- Being \_\_\_\_\_ with others (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
  
- Seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ for all (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
  
- Following God's \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ the leading of the Holy Spirit  
(1 Thessalonians 5:19-22)

**Pursuing peace is the result of ...**

- God's sanctifying \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)
  
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:25-28)

**My next step today is to:**

- A Express my appreciation to at least one church leader
- B Practice patience with those who need it
- C Identify one area where I need to obey God's will
- D Trust God's work in my life

**Questions for further study:**

1. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, God gives us three simple commands: rejoice, pray, and give thanks. Which of these three are you most prone *not* to do? What practical step might you take this week to help you be more obedient in this area?
  
2. God says through Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:15 to "pursue what is good for one another *and for all*." (emphasis added) Who might be an individual person or even a people group you haven't pursued? What might you do this week that would be for their good?
  
3. Why do you think Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:24 reminds his readers that God is trustworthy? What does he mean that "[God] will in fact do this?" What is "this"? What implications does this verse have for you in your spiritual journey with Christ and your desire to stay on target?

**Memory verse:** *Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. (1 Thessalonians 5:23 NLT)*