

- I. How to act toward spiritual leaders (v. 12-13)
 - A. We are to respect them
 - B. We are to value them
 - C. We are to help them by living in peace with others
- II. How to live with other believers (v. 14-15)
 - A. We are to warn those who are lazy
 - B. We are to encourage those who are discouraged

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: if one falls down, his friend can help him up.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

- C. We are to help those who are weak
- D. We are to be patient with everyone

“Love is patient.” (I Corinthians 13:4)

- E. We are to not respond to evil with evil

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.” (Romans 12:17)

- F. We are to always be kind to others

- III. How to live in relationship with God (v. 16-28)

- A. We are to be joyful always

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4)

- B. We are to pray all the time
- C. We are to thank God in all situations

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.” (I Chronicles 16:8)

- D. We are to follow the Spirit’s leading

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

- E. We are to listen to the Spirit’s wisdom
- F. We are to examine all things

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)

G. We are to keep only what is good

H. We are to stay away from all evil

I. We are to live a holy life

“Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.” (2 Peter 3:11-12)