



1

Like a thief in the night

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

2

Like a thief in the night

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. ²⁵ Brothers, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

3

Like a thief in the night **Alignment**

Align Yourself With Fellow Believers

- Be at peace among yourselves!!!
- Respect and love church leaders (verses 12-13)
- Bring the best out of each other like (verse 14)
 - Admonish the idle
 - Encourage the fainthearted
 - Help the weak
 - Be PATIENT with everyone!
- NEVER repay evil with evil (verse 15)!

4

Like a thief in the night **Alignment**

Align Yourself With God's Will

- Nurture your prayer life with God
- Pray from God's perspective (verses 16-18)
- Don't quench the Holy Spirit!!! (verse 19)
 - Don't ignore His voice (verses 20-21)
 - Kill your sins (verse 22)

5

Like a thief in the night **Alignment**

Be Holy In Anticipation of Christ's Return

- Paul prays for ongoing and future sanctification (verse 23)
- God will accomplish this in you (verse 24)!
- Live...
 - In devoted love for God and each other
 - In deep and growing holiness
 - In fervent worship
 - In urgent witness

6
