

# 1 Thessalonians - Chapter Five

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*Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-3 ESV*

*But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 ESV*

## Challenge: Keep awake and live as children of light!

*"So you, too, must **keep watch!** For you do not know the day or hour of my return." Matthew 25:13 NLT*

### Keep Watch:

**an invitation to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

*He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. **Stay here and keep watch with me.**" Matthew 26:38 NLT*

### Keep Watch:

**an invitation into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

*For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 1 Thessalonians 5: 7-8 ESV*

**Encouragement: As children of light, you are equipped with everything you need in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_**

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. **1 Thessalonians 5:15-22 ESV**

## **Keep Watch:**

**an invitation into \_\_\_\_\_**

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. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 ESV**

## **GROUP QUESTIONS**

### **GATHER**

- *What is something you're thankful for this week?*
- *Do you have any needs? Can anyone help?*
- *Pray: Thanks & needs*

### **GROW**

- *Read: 1 Thess. 5:12-24. What stands out to you?*
- *Re-read the same passage. What stood out to you this time? Why?*
- *What's the application to your life?*

### **GO**

- *Who outside this group can you encourage this week?*
- *Pray: Blessing over the week ahead*

### **WEEKLY TIP**

- *Change up the way you pray together.*
- *Bonus: Split into groups of twos and threes to pray!*