

15 DUTIES OF BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST

1 Thessalonians 5:13-24

1. Live in peace with each other (verse 13)

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

2. Warn those who are idle (verse 14)

Proverbs 6:6, "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!"

3. Encourage the timid (verse 14)

Proverbs 28:1, "The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

4. Help the weak (verse 14)

1 Corinthians 12:10, "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

5. Be patient with every one (verse 14)

Ephesians 4:2, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

6. Pay back no wrong for wrong (verse 15)

Romans 12:19, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,'" says the Lord."

7. Be kind to each other and to every one else (verse 15)

Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

8. Be joyful always (verse 16)

Philippians 4:4, “**Rejoice** in the Lord always. I will say it again: **Rejoice** ‘

9. Pray continually (verse 17)

James 5:16, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and **pray** for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

10. Give thanks in all circumstances (verse 18)

Ephesians 5:20, “always giving **thanks** to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

11. Do not put out the Spirit’s fire (verse 19)

Ephesians 5:18, “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the **Spirit**.”

12. Do not treat prophecies with contempt (verse 20)

1 Timothy 1:18, “Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the **prophecies** once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,”

13. Test everything (verse 21)

Romans 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to **test** and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

14. Hold on to the good (verse 21)

Galatians 6:10, “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good to all** people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

15. Avoid every kind of evil (verse 22)

1 Peter 1:14, “As obedient children, do not conform to the **evil** desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”