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I Thessalonians 5:16-22, “¹⁶Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ¹⁹Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰Despise not prophesyings. ²¹Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. ²²Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

This time of year you probably have already made some resolutions. We tend to resolve at this time of year to better ourselves in some way. I suppose we use this time of year because it is the largest measurement of time keeping we use in our day to day lives. A new year is a good time to start anew.

Perhaps you have resolved to better yourself physically, emotionally, or some other way. The best and most beneficial way you can better yourself this coming year is spiritually.

The above seven verses are good to study and follow anytime. There is no better time than now to better ourselves by following and improving upon the seven verses listed above.

1. **Rejoice Evermore.** Most know John 11:35, “Jesus wept”, as the

shortest verse in the Bible. In English it is, but in Greek I Thessalonians 5:16 is the shortest verse, “rejoice evermore.” We above all people have every reason to rejoice and be happy. We know that in only a few short years we will be with the LORD. We can not only just rejoice, we can rejoice evermore. Happiness in the LORD and being eternally saved will never end.

2. **Pray Without Ceasing.** We all need to pray often. Paul writes to do so without ceasing. I know we don’t spend every conscious moment in prayer, but we need to be constantly praying throughout the day. We not only give thanks for our food and water, but pray for safety, wisdom, and protection from the world. Let’s not just pray for physical safety, but most of all spiritual safety.

3. **In everything give thanks.** We need to be people who give thanks. We truly have been blessed so much more than people of other places and times. We have food and water in abundance that is clean and easily available. Likely none of us have ever known true hunger or thirst. We have good homes and reliable automobiles, heated or cooled according to the season. Most everyone has computers, cell phones, and televisions. We have so much we could easily do without, yet we have many things that enhance and make our lives so much more enjoyable. I Thessalonians 5:18, “*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*”

4. **Quench not the Spirit.** To quench means to put out. We are not to put out where and when we see the Spirit. We can do this by not supporting the work of the Church. We can discourage others from the LORD by our example. When we are doing, saying, and behaving in such a way that is against the word of God, we are quenching the Spirit. We are “putting out” the fire of the word of God.

5. **Despise Not Prophesyings.** There are many ways we can despise prophesyings or the word of God. Some people are simply against the teachings of the Bible. They feel the sound teachings are old time

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Parson** and **Larry Compton. Chris Dennis**, the father of **Taylor Dennis**, was injured in an automobile accident last week.

He had to be flown to Louisville, but fortunately his injuries turned out to be minor. **Carol Baldwin**, the sister of **Vicki McDaniel**, will be having surgery to shave off the bone in her thumb. Cartilage from her arm will be placed in her thumb. It's expected to be quite painful and they cannot treat for pain for 48 hours. Vicki will be helping her for a few days as well as a friend, **Betty McFarland**, who has no family and is having surgery the same day. Remember them in prayer.

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and closed minded. They scoff at God's. We too can despise prophesyings when we overtly do not follow and obey the teachings of the Bible. It's easy to quickly look over and even ignore passages that apply and even sting us. When we ignore such, we are despising prophesyings.

6. Prove all things. We are to examine the word to see the truth contained therein. Many are lead away by simply trusting what someone says is truth. We need to prove it, and when we find out the truth, we hold fast to that which is good. We do not let it go. Study the Bible daily so you can prove all things and hold fast to God's word.

7. Abstain from all appearance of evil. We certainly know we are to stay away from evil. We are to go even further. Even if it appears to be evil, stay away from it. If you have any question if something is wrong, stay away from it. We always know there is a right way to do something. Cling to that. Often people have asked me about whether something is right or wrong that is not overtly mentioned in the Bible. Sometimes these things look questionable. Abstain from all appearance of evil. Follow the way you know is right.

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Sunday, December 29, 2019		
Classes	17	I Peter 5:10-14
Preaching	31	Acts 2
Contribution	\$764.00	
Evening	24	Matthew 28:11-20
Wednesday, January 1, 2020		
Classes	17	Isaiah 10:1-34

Dec 29 (AM) Avery, Audrey, & Tucker Franklin
(Lexington, KY): Judy Manning & Kaley
Jagers (Upton, KY)

Visitors—

Dec 29 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Jan 1 (Wed) John Lay (Glasgow, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD would lop off what?

Last Week's Answer— Upon His shoulder (Isaiah 9:6)

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Seven has always represented completeness in the Bible. If you follow and resolve to do the above seven things from I Thessalonians, you certainly are on your way to being a much more complete child of God.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)