

**WAITING FOR THE LORD'S RETURN, PART 5:
"CALLED AND KEPT AS A FAMILY"**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

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Let's be the spiritual family God calls and keeps us to be.

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.

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.

Overview

We'll look at this passage in four parts.

- I. **Honoring your elders (vv. 12-13)**
- II. **Loving one another (vv. 14-18)**
- III. **Testing everything in light of Scripture (vv. 19-22)**
- IV. **Being assured of God's work in you (vv. 23-28)**