



1 THESSALONIANS

GENERAL NOTES



VAST CHURCH

What example can you think of that shows how we are always a slave/servant to something?

Exodus 14:32

Romans 6:15-10

A servant within a family or church has three responsibilities

- 1) Engage in exhausting and difficult work
- 2) Protect and give aid
- 3) Correct doctrinal and moral errors within the community

Paul gives us a list, just as a father or mother would, of things we ought to never forget as we live our lives to God's glory.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Out of this list, which one(s) do you find to be the most difficult to carry out within your life?

Is it responding to each other faithfully and building each other up?

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

Is it being joyful in suffering?

1 Thessalonians 5:16

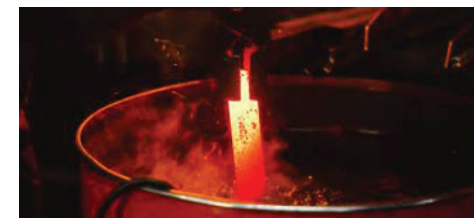
Is it to always be praying?

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Is it to continually give thanks to God?

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Just as a forger extinguishes the heat of the metal he is working with, we are to avoid doing such a thing to God, to the Holy Spirit.



How do we know if we are quenching the Holy Spirit?

We are quenching the Spirit if we are following evil things which are outside of the Holy Spirit!

When we decide to follow Christ what is our vocation?

"The body of Christ should be a testimony of the kingdom that is coming, bearing witness to how the world will be otherwise. Our work and our practices should be foretastes of the coming new city and thus should include protest and critique. Our engagement with God's world is not about running the show or winning a culture war. We are called to be witnesses, not necessarily winners. We are called to... faithful presence [which] is how we occupy creation."

James K.A. Smith