

"A Blueprint for a Model Church"

1 Thessalonians

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Encouragement for Leaders and Followers

- 1. Leaders should provide a good example. 1:5
- 2. Followers should <u>imitate</u> them. 1:6
- 3. Leaders should expose <u>idolatry</u> in the lives of their people. 1:9
- 4. Followers should forsake their idols and <u>turn</u> to God.1:9
- 5. Leaders should avoid <u>error</u>, <u>impurity</u>, <u>deceit</u>, <u>people pleasing</u>, <u>flattering speech</u>, and <u>greed</u>, but instead faithfully teach the gospel entrusted to them. 2:3-5
- 6. Leaders should not seek glory from men. 2:6
- 7. Leaders should be gentle, tenderly caring for their people like a mother. 2:7
- 8. Leaders should follow the example of Paul, who loved his people dearly and shared his life with them.2:7-9
- 9. Leaders should make every effort to not be a financial burden to their people. 2:9

- Leaders should behave <u>devoutly</u>, <u>uprightly</u>, and <u>blamelessly</u>.
- 11. Leaders should instruct their people like a <u>father</u>.2:11
- **12.** Followers should accept the Bible as the Word of God. **2:13**
- 13. Followers should endure suffering for Christ. 2:14
- **14.** Leaders should <u>eagerly desire</u> to be with their followers. **2:17**
- 15. Committed Christian followers are the joy of leaders.2:19-20
- **16.** Leaders should be <u>sincerely concerned</u> about the spiritual welfare of their followers. **3:1-5**
- 17. Followers should be thankful for their leaders, thinking kindly of them. 3:6
- **18.** Leaders should be thankful for their followers, and are <u>comforted</u> when their followers <u>stand firm</u> in the Lord. **3:7-9**
- 19. Leaders should clearly <u>correct</u> and <u>encourage</u> their followers. Chapter 4 and 5