

The Lord's Return and Behaviour in the Church

1 Thessalonians 05:12–28

1 *Behaviour toward the leaders of the church*

- a. Respect them
- b. Esteem them very highly in love
- c. Be at peace with each other

2 *Behaviour toward the church family*

- a. Warn the idle
- b. Comfort the fainthearted
- c. Support the weak
- d. Be patient toward all
- e. See that no one repays evil for evil to any man

3 *Behaviour toward God — personal Behaviour*

- a. Rejoice always
- b. Pray always
- c. Give thanks in all things
- d. Do not suppress the Spirit
- e. Do not treat prophecies with contempt
- f. Test all things:
Hold on to what is good
- g. Avoid every kind of evil

4 *The results of proper Behaviour*

- a. God's Presence
- b. Sanctification
- c. Preservation of spirit, soul and body
- d. Assurance of God's faithfulness

12 Now we ask you, brothers,
to respect those who work hard among you,
who are over you in the Lord
and who admonish you.

13 Hold them in the highest regard in love
because of their work.
Live in peace with each other.

14 And we urge you, brothers,
warn those who are idle,
encourage the timid,
help the weak,
be patient with everyone.

15 Make sure
that nobody pays back wrong for wrong,
but always try to be kind to each other
and to everyone else.

16 Be joyful always;

17 Pray continually:

18 Give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;

20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt.

21 Test everything.
Hold on to the good.

22 Avoid every kind of evil.

23 May God himself,
the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 The one who calls you is faithful
and he will do it.

**5 *The final exhortations
for Behaviour, v. 25***

- a. Pray for the ministers
- b. Greet all Christians
- c. Read this epistle to all Christians —
study the Word of God
- d. The grace of our Lord rest upon you

25 Brothers,
pray for us.

26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

27 I charge you before the Lord
to have this letter read to all the brothers.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.