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While We're Waiting
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
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Key Theme: While we're waiting for Christ's return, let us...

I. Respect our Pastors (v.12-13)

- A. for their work in the Word (1 Timothy 5:17).
- B. for their willingness to lead (1 Timothy 3:1).
- C. for their warnings from the Lord (1Cor.4:14, Acts 20:31).

*...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, **rebuke**, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.* - 2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)

II. Rehearse our Patience (v.14-15)

- A. by warning the wayward (Titus 3:10-11).
- B. by wooing the weary (Hebrews 12:1-3).
- C. by walking with the weak (Hebrews 4:14-16).

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...* - Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

III. Rejoice in our Praying (v.16-18)

- A. by choosing joy over jealousy (Hebrews 13:5).
- B. by choosing perseverance over petering out (Ephesians 6:18).
- C. by choosing gratitude over grumbling (Philippians 4:6).

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with **thanksgiving**.* - Colossians 4:2

IV. Review our Preaching (v.19-22)

- A. by comparing every word to God's Truth (Acts 17:11).
- B. by clinging to the wonderful treasures in faith (Psalm 19:10).
- C. by cutting out the wicked trash in repentance (Matthew 4:17).

...what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness... - 2 Pt. 3:11