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I Thessalonians	
I Thes 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians [which is] in God the Father and [in] the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.	Paul, Silvanus (Silas), and Timothy, to the assembly (church) of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah): Grace (spiritual blessing and divine favor) to you and [heart] peace. (AMP)
I Thes 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;	We are ever giving thanks to God for all of you, continually mentioning [you when engaged] in our prayers, (AMP) As always, Paul is praying for the church.
I Thes 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;	Recalling unceasingly before our God and Father your work energized by faith and service motivated by love and unwavering hope in [the return of] our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [I Thess.1:10.] (AMP)
I Thes 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.	[O] brethren beloved by God, we recognize and know that He has selected (chosen) you; (AMP)
I Thes 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.	For our [preaching of the] glad tidings (the Gospel) came to you not only in word, but also in [its own inherent] power and in the Holy Spirit and with great conviction and absolute certainty [on our part]. You know what kind of men we proved [ourselves] to be among you for your good. (AMP) When we taught you, we taught by the power and authority of the Holy Ghost.
I Thes 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:	And you [set yourselves to] become imitators of us and [through us] of the Lord Himself, for you welcomed our message in [spite of] much persecution, with joy [inspired] by the Holy Spirit; (AMP) And you became our disciples.
I Thes 1:7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.	So that you [thus] became a pattern to all the believers (those who adhere to, trust in, and rely on Christ Jesus) in Macedonia and Achaia (most of Greece). (AMP) You set a pattern for all believers in the area.

I Thes 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.	For not only has the Word concerning and from the Lord resounded forth from you unmistakably in Macedonia and Achaia, but everywhere the report has gone forth of your faith in God [of your leaning of your whole personality on Him in complete trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness]. So we [find that we] never need to tell people anything [further about it]. (AMP) Your reputation has preceded you.
I Thes 1:9 For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;	For they themselves volunteer testimony concerning us, telling what an entrance we had among you, and how you turned to God from [your] idols to serve a God Who is alive and true and genuine, (AMP) The neighboring churches testify of you.
I Thes 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.	And [how you] look forward to and await the coming of His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead--Jesus, Who personally rescues and delivers us out of and from the wrath [bringing punishment] which is coming [upon the impenitent] and draws us to Himself [investing us with all the privileges and rewards of the new life in Christ, the Messiah]. (AMP) They were expecting tribulations and the second coming to happen soon.
I Thes 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:	For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming among you was not useless and fruitless. (AMP)
I Thes 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.	But though we had already suffered and been outrageously treated at Philippi, as you know, yet in [the strength of] our God we summoned courage to proclaim to you unfalteringly the good news (the Gospel) with earnest contention and much conflict and great opposition. (AMP)
<p>When the leading men of Philippi determined that Paul and Silas could not be a source of income for them, they brought them before the magistrates of the city saying, 'These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city' (Acts 16:20). The magistrates had them beaten and cast into prison with their 'feet fast in the stocks' (Acts 16:24). The response of Paul and Silas was to pray and sing praises to God until there was an earthquake which leveled the prison.</p> <p>After suffering such a beating, one might be a little timid to proclaim the controversial gospel. Would Paul take a break for a while? Would he be more careful about offending the sensitive feelings of the wicked and powerful? Such was not Paul's style. He knew only one way to work and that was "full</p>	

speed ahead." Hence, he admits that he was not careful to avoid ruffling feathers, 'even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God' (v. 4). <https://www.gospeldoctrine.com/new-testament/1-thessalonians/1-thessalonians-2>

"When in Paul's life did he waver from that attitude? When did he ask odds of a world pouring out scorn and physical abuse? When did he show an ounce of self-doubt about his calling? Paul was a thinking, functioning, productive person. There can be no reasonable question about his sanity. So, one studying him must face a life that points to the visions motivating and sustaining him. **This feat was accomplished in a world where he and his fellow apostles could rarely meet to sustain each other. His leadership was the leadership of the Lord, who called and directed him.** He knew that past persecutions would be repeated. 'We told you before,' he reminded the Thessalonians, 'that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know' ('1 Thes. 3:41 Thes. 3:4, NKJB). That was the apostles' calling, as the Savior told the original Twelve. Their total sincerity is written in their willing suffering for the truth." (Richard Lloyd Anderson, Understanding Paul [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1983], 76 - 77.)

"One definition of contend is 'to assert or to maintain in argument.' It seems to be this meaning that the Lord used in a modern revelation: 'Contend thou, therefore, morning by morning; and day after day let thy warning voice go forth' (D&C 112:5). Likewise, this meaning may be inferred when Jude admonishes us to 'earnestly contend for the faith' (1:3) or when Paul says he was bold 'to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention' (1 Thes. 2:2). Similarly, the command to 'contend against no church, save it be the church of the devil' (D&C 18:20) may be read in this context." (Monte S. Nyman and Charles D. Tate, Jr., eds., Fourth Nephi through Moroni: From Zion to Destruction [Provo: BYU Religious Studies Center, 1995], 168.)

I Thes 2:3 For our exhortation [was] not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:	<p>For our appeal [in preaching] does not [originate] from delusion or error or impure purpose or motive, nor in fraud or deceit. (AMP)</p> <p>Paul contended, but he wasn't contentious. A truly contentious person usually has no message, or an impure purpose and must deflect from his motives using an emotional argument.</p>
I Thes 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.	<p>But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the glad tidings (the Gospel), so we speak not to please men but to please God, Who tests our hearts [expecting them to be approved]. (AMP)</p> <p>Not that Paul didn't ruffle any feathers.</p>
I Thes 2:5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God [is] witness:	<p>For as you well know, we never resorted either to words of flattery or to any cloak to conceal greedy motives or pretexts for gain, [as] God is our witness. (AMP)</p> <p>As God is his witness, Paul never stooped to flattery or deception.</p>

I Thes 2:6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor [yet] of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.	<p>Nor did we seek to extract praise and honor and glory from men, either from you or from anyone else, though we might have asserted our authority [stood on our dignity and claimed honor] as apostles (special missionaries) of Christ (the Messiah). (AMP)</p> <p>Nor did he seek the praise of men, or assert his authority.</p>
I Thes 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:	<p>But we behaved gently when we were among you, like a devoted mother nursing and cherishing her own children. (AMP)</p> <p>Paul treated them like family.</p>
I Thes 2:8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.	<p>So, being thus tenderly and affectionately desirous of you, we continued to share with you not only God's good news (the Gospel) but also our own lives as well, for you had become so very dear to us. (AMP)</p> <p>We have offered you the Gospel and would have offered you our whole souls. Where do you find devotion like that today?</p>
I Thes 2:9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.	<p>For you recall our hard toil and struggles, brethren. We worked night and day [and plied our trade] in order not to be a burden to any of you [for our support] while we proclaimed the glad tidings (the Gospel) of God to you. (AMP)</p> <p>Paul and company earned a living among them with their own hands, so as not to burden the members. I believe Paul was a tent-maker by trade.</p>
I Thes 2:10 Ye [are] witnesses, and God [also], how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:	<p>You are witnesses, [yes] and God [also], how unworldly and upright and blameless was our behavior toward you believers [who adhered to and trusted in and relied on our Lord Jesus Christ]. (AMP)</p>
<p>In each of the forementioned branches of the Church, and especially in Thessalonica, Corinth, and Galatia, there appears to have been a strong contingent of members who opposed Paul and his teachings. They seemed to have severely questioned his authority as an apostle, defamed his character, impugned his motives as an honest man, and in general to have sought to discredit his accomplishments. As a consequence Paul's letters are replete with declarations about the reality of his calling as an apostle see Gal. 1:1-24; 1 Cor. 9:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:1-11); reiterations of his circumspect behavior-that he labored with his own hands for financial support so as not to be a burden to the saints (see 1 Cor. 9:11-19; 1 Thes. 2:5-9; 2 Cor. 11:6-9; Acts 20:33-35); and the fact that he labored incessantly, under great physical and emotional handicaps, even enduring persecution in order to</p>	

bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people (see 2 Cor. 11:24-33; 2 Cor. 12:1-11)." (Robert J. Matthews, "St. Paul Writes about the Church," New Era, Apr. 1977, 35)	
I Thes 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father [doth] his children,	For you know how, as a father [dealing with] his children, we used to exhort each of you personally, stimulating and encouraging and charging you (AMP)
I Thes 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.	To live lives worthy of God, Who calls you into His own kingdom and the glorious blessedness [into which true believers will enter after Christ's return]. (AMP)
I Thes 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.	And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it]. (AMP) You received our message in faith, as the word of God.
I Thes 2:14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they [have] of the Jews:	For you, brethren, became imitators of the assemblies (churches) of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judea, for you too have suffered the same kind of treatment from your own fellow countrymen as they did [who were persecuted at the hands] of the Jews, (AMP) You were persecuted, just like the other churches.
I Thes 2:15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:	Who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and harassed and drove us out, and continue to make themselves hateful and offensive to God and to show themselves foes of all men, (AMP) These were the same types of people who killed Christ and the prophets.
I Thes 2:16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.	Forbidding and hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles (the nations) that they may be saved. So as always they fill up [to the brim the measure of] their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last [completely and forever]! (AMP) There were Jews who would not let Paul speak to the Gentiles.
I Thes 2:17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart,	But since we were bereft of you, brethren, for a little while in person, [of course] not in heart, we

endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.	endeavored the more eagerly and with great longing to see you face to face, (AMP) For these reasons, we wanted to see you all the more.
I Thes 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.	Because it was our will to come to you. [I mean that] I, Paul, again and again [wanted to come], but Satan hindered and impeded us. (AMP) The adversary will use any ruse to impede the work: persecution, altercations with authorities, sickness.
I Thes 2:19 For what [is] our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? [Are] not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?	For what is our hope or happiness or our victor's wreath of exultant triumph when we stand in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you? (AMP)
I Thes 2:20 For ye are our glory and joy.	For you are [indeed] our glory and our joy! (AMP) D&C 18:10 Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;
I Thes 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;	Therefore, when [the suspense of separation and our yearning for some personal communication from you] became intolerable, we consented to being left behind alone at Athens. (AMP)
I Thes 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:	And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in [spreading] the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, to strengthen and establish and to exhort and comfort and encourage you in your faith, (AMP) Paul waited behind in Athens for Silas to join him, but sent Timothy on ahead.
I Thes 3:3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.	That no one [of you] should be disturbed and beguiled and led astray by these afflictions and difficulties [to which I have referred]. For you yourselves know that this is [unavoidable in our position, and must be recognized as] our appointed lot. (AMP) These things happen. This is what we have to deal with.
I Thes 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.	For even when we were with you, [you know] we warned you plainly beforehand that we were to be pressed with difficulties and made to suffer affliction, just as to your own knowledge it has [since] happened. (AMP)

	We told you to expect this.
I Thes 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.	That is the reason that, when I could bear [the suspense] no longer, I sent that I might learn [how you were standing the strain, and the endurance of] your faith, [for I was fearful] lest somehow the tempter had tempted you and our toil [among you should prove to] be fruitless and to no purpose. (AMP) So I sent Timothy on ahead to see how you were doing.
I Thes 3:6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also [to see] you:	But now that Timothy has just come back to us from [his visit to] you and has brought us the good news of [the steadfastness of] your faith and [the warmth of your] love, and [reported] how kindly you cherish a constant and affectionate remembrance of us [and that you are] longing to see us as we [are to see] you, (AMP) Timothy brought back good news, and we can't wait to see you.
I Thes 3:7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:	Brethren, for this reason, in [spite of all] our stress and crushing difficulties we have been filled with comfort and cheer about you [because of] your faith (the leaning of your whole personality on God in complete trust and confidence). (AMP)
I Thes 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.	Because now we [really] live, if you stand [firm] in the Lord. (AMP)
I Thes 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;	For what [adequate] thanksgiving can we render to God for you for all the gladness and delight which we enjoy for your sakes before our God? (AMP)
I Thes 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?	[And we] continue to pray especially and with most intense earnestness night and day that we may see you face to face and mend and make good whatever may be imperfect and lacking in your faith. (AMP) Paul is looking forward to seeing the saints and doing whatever he can do to increase their faith.
I Thes 3:11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.	Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) guide our steps to you. (AMP)

I Thes 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all [men], even as we [do] toward you:	And may the Lord make you to increase and excel and overflow in love for one another and for all people, just as we also do for you, (AMP)
I Thes 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.	<p>So that He may strengthen and confirm and establish your hearts faultlessly pure and unblamable in holiness in the sight of our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) with all His saints (the holy and glorified people of God)! Amen, (so be it)! (AMP)</p> <p>Paul prays that the Lord may guide their steps to the saints and that the Lord will continue to bless them.</p>
I Thes 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort [you] by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, [so] ye would abound more and more.	<p>Furthermore, brethren, we beg and admonish you in [virtue of our union with] the Lord Jesus, that [you follow the instructions which] you learned from us about how you ought to walk so as to please and gratify God, as indeed you are doing, [and] that you do so even more and more abundantly [attaining yet greater perfection in living this life]. (AMP)</p> <p>Keep growing and increasing in righteousness.</p>
I Thes 4:2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.	For you know what charges and precepts we gave you [on the authority and by the inspiration of] the Lord Jesus. (AMP)
I Thes 4:3 For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:	For this is the will of God, that you should be consecrated (separated and set apart for pure and holy living): that you should abstain and shrink from all sexual vice, (AMP)
I Thes 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;	That each one of you should know how to possess (control, manage) his own body in consecration (purity, separated from things profane) and honor,
I Thes 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:	Not [to be used] in the passion of lust like the heathen, who are ignorant of the true God and have no knowledge of His will, (AMP)
I Thes 4:6 That no [man] go beyond and defraud his brother in [any] matter: because that the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.	That no man transgress and overreach his brother and defraud him in this matter or defraud his brother in business. For the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we have already warned you solemnly and told you plainly. (AMP)
I Thes 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.	For God has not called us to impurity but to consecration [to dedicate ourselves to the most thorough purity]. (AMP)

I Thes 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.	<p>Therefore whoever disregards (sets aside and rejects this) disregards not man but God, Whose [very] Spirit [Whom] He gives to you is holy (chaste, pure). (AMP)</p> <p>Paul is reminding the saints to be sexually pure.</p>
I Thes 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.	<p>But concerning brotherly love [for all other Christians], you have no need to have anyone write you, for you yourselves have been [personally] taught by God to love one another. (AMP)</p> <p>The Greek language has three words for love. Paul has been instructing the members in how to control the basest form of love: <i>eros</i> (from which we get our term <i>erotica</i>), or in other words - lust.</p> <p>Now, he is writing about <i>phileo</i> (brotherly love or fondness).</p>
I Thes 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;	<p>And indeed you already are [extending and displaying your love] to all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we beseech and earnestly exhort you, brethren, that you excel [in this matter] more and more, (AMP)</p> <p>Learn how to love more and better. The Spirit will teach you this.</p>
I Thes 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;	<p>To make it your ambition and definitely endeavor to live quietly and peacefully, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you, (AMP)</p> <p>This type of love is to live quietly and peacefully with your neighbors.</p>
I Thes 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and [that] ye may have lack of nothing.	<p>So that you may bear yourselves becomingly and be correct and honorable and command the respect of the outside world, being dependent on nobody [selfsupporting] and having need of nothing. (AMP)</p>
I Thes 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.	<p>Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave]. (AMP)</p> <p>Don't be discomforted concerning the dead.</p>

I Thes 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.	For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death]. (AMP) As Christ rose from the dead, so may we all.
I Thes 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.	For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death]. (AMP) If you live to see the second coming of Christ, you will have no advantage over those who have previously died. They will be resurrected.
I Thes 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:	For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first. (AMP)
<p>This is the verse that gave the Thessalonians the mistaken idea that the second coming of Christ was immediately eminent, and Paul has to correct this mistake in his next letter. Paul knows a lot of doctrine. He must have had more encounters with the Lord and more revelation than just what we know about from the Bible.</p> <p>We are taught that no one knows the exact time of the second coming, save the Father only. But we do know this: the earth has to be prepared and a people has to be prepared to receive him, otherwise the earth will be utterly wasted at His coming, and everything that has occurred on this earth from the time of Adam will have come to naught. There is a possibility that this could happen, but before it does, do you really think that the Father would not do all in His power to make sure a people is gathered and ready to receive His beloved Son into the world?</p> <p>We are told repeatedly in the Book of Mormon that the work of gathering first the Saints of God, next the gathering of scattered Israel, and finally the gathering of all the peoples of the earth is the work of the Father. The Father will have a pretty good handle on when the time is right.</p> <p>When the time comes, the Lord will descend with "A shout". No, He will not yell "Geronimo!" and jump off a cloud. The shout will be a word of command. It will be an invitation for the Lord to come. The invitation will come from a servant of God, dwelling upon the earth, to whom is given power to know when the work of the Father has been completed, to whom is given authority to speak on behalf of the peoples of the earth to welcome the coming of the true God of this world.</p> <p>I know of no other man who fits that description than Father Adam, the archangel Michael.</p> <p>"The Hosanna Shout memorializes the pre-earthly Council in Heaven, as 'when...all the sons of God shouted for joy' (Job 38:7) ... President Lorenzo Snow taught that this shout will herald the Messiah when he comes in the glory of the Father (cf. 1 Thes. 4:16)." (Lael J. Woodbury, Encyclopedia of</p>	

<p>Mormonism, edited by Daniel H. Ludlow, 659.) The Hosanna Shout is a traditional shout welcoming the coming of the Lord. It is given to welcome the Lord to the temple when it is dedicated. This time, the Lord truly will come, and He truly will find holiness there.</p> <p>This is a beautiful thought, and it may well be led by our Father, himself. The Lord uses patterns. No one has seen the Son, save the Father introduces Him. This time will be no exception.</p>	
<p>I Thes 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.</p>	<p>Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord! (AMP)</p> <p>Then, the trumpet shall sound, and then comes the resurrection of the just – those who are Christ’s at His coming.</p>
<p>I Thes 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.</p>	<p>Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words. (AMP)</p>
<p>I Thes 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.</p>	<p>But as to the suitable times and the precise seasons and dates, brethren, you have no necessity for anything being written to you. (AMP)</p>
<p>I Thes 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.</p>	<p>For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the [return of the] Lord will come [as unexpectedly and suddenly] as a thief in the night. (AMP)</p> <p>But you don’t need me to tell you exactly when this will happen.</p>
<p>I Thes 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.</p>	<p>When people are saying, All is well and secure, and, There is peace and safety, then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape, for there will be no escape. (AMP)</p> <p>When they say “All is well in Zion.” That is when the days of tribulation begin.</p>
<p>I Thes 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.</p>	<p>But you are not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief. (AMP)</p>
<p>I Thes 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.</p>	<p>For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness. (AMP)</p>
<p>I Thes 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober.</p>	<p>Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful,</p>

	cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect). (AMP)
I Thes 5:7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.	For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. (AMP)
I Thes 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.	But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (AMP) Let us not be caught sleeping. Let us watch for the great and dreadful day of the Lord so that it does not catch us unawares.
I Thes 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,	For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) (AMP) Those alive on the earth who cannot bear a terrestrial glory will not remain.
I Thes 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.	Who died for us so that whether we are still alive or are dead [at Christ's appearing], we might live together with Him and share His life. (AMP)
<p>D&C 88:95 And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour; and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled;</p> <p>D&C 88:96 And the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened and be caught up to meet him.</p> <p>D&C 88:97 And they who have slept in their graves shall come forth, for their graves shall be opened; and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven--</p> <p>D&C 88:98 They are Christ's, the first fruits, they who shall descend with him first, and they who are on the earth and in their graves, who are first caught up to meet him; and all this by the voice of the sounding of the trump of the angel of God.</p>	
I Thes 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.	Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing. (AMP)
I Thes 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;	Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you [recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all]--your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you. (AMP)

	Come to know the servants of the Lord who labor among you.
I Thes 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. [And] be at peace among yourselves.	And hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. (AMP) Hold them in high regard, but worship the Lord only.
I Thes 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all [men].	And we earnestly beseech you, brethren, admonish (warn and seriously advise) those who are out of line [the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly]; encourage the timid and fainthearted, help and give your support to the weak souls, [and] be very patient with everybody [always keeping your temper]. (AMP)
I Thes 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any [man]; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all [men].	See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness and seek to do good to one another and to everybody. (AMP)
I Thes 5:16 Rejoice evermore.	Be happy [in your faith] and rejoice and be glad-hearted continually (always); (AMP)
I Thes 5:17 Pray without ceasing.	Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly]; (AMP)
I Thes 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.	Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will]. (AMP) Expressing gratitude is the fastest way to draw near to the Presence of the Lord.
I Thes 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.	Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit; (AMP) Do not dampen the influence of the Spirit in your life. Do not do anything that would cause the Spirit to withdraw. But, realistically, you will lose the Spirit occasionally. It happens, but quickly recognize the loss of the Spirit, and draw near to the Lord so that it will return.
I Thes 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.	Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets [do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning]. (AMP) Do not reject prophecy of any of the gifts of the spirit. If the gifts of the spirit are not in evidence,

	then there is no faith present, and you need to repent.
I Thes 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.	But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast. (AMP) Don't blindly accept or blindly reject whatever you encounter. Learn to discern and judge, for this is an attribute of God that you will need to develop.
I Thes 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.	Abstain from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form or whatever kind it may be. (AMP)
I Thes 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.	And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). (AMP)
I Thes 5:24 Faithful [is] he that calleth you, who also will do [it].	Faithful is He Who is calling you [to Himself] and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you]. (AMP) Listen for and trust the voice of the Spirit.
I Thes 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.	Brethren, pray for us. (AMP)
I Thes 5:26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.	Greet all the brethren with a sacred kiss. (AMP)
I Thes 5:27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.	I solemnly charge you [in the name of] the Lord to have this letter read before all the brethren. (AMP)
I Thes 5:28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you. Amen.	The grace (the unmerited favor and blessings) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you all. Amen, (so be it). (AMP)