

## I Thess. 5:19-22 - HOW TO RESPOND TO THE TRUTH

1. DON'T PUT OUT THE SPIRIT'S FIRE – v. 19 (The word “quench” means “to extinguish, suppress, stifle”) The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_

2. DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ THE REVELATION OF TRUTH – v. 20  
Don't treat the preaching of the Word with contempt.

3. TEST \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE TRUTH ; v. 21 test them “good” – genuine, not counterfeit. Test \_\_\_\_\_ by the Bible.

Acts 17:11 – “Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” Gal. 1:8 – “Even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a Gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned.”

4. APPLY THE TRUTH \_\_\_\_\_ – HOLD ON TO IT! V. 21  
When you find that what is tested is good, then hold onto it - continue to believe and act in harmony with that belief.

Hebrews 2:1 – “pay the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.”

5. AVOID WHAT THE TRUTH DEFINES AS \_\_\_\_\_ – NOT SOCIETY'S DEFINITION! V. 22 (KJV -“ avoid the very appearance of evil”)

“Avoid” – refrain, abstain – stay away from!

“Evil” It is negative moral qualities, it is what is false, wrong and dishonorable. It is contrary to or a perversion of God's word and it leads you into sin.

Avoid “every kind” of evil (every appearance of evil)

II Timothy 3:16, 17 – “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

<sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

\_\_\_\_\_ – what God requires of us – “here's how to live”

Reproof – when we get off track – “here's where you missed it”

Correction – how to get back on track – “here's how to get back”

Instruction – education on how to live daily – “here's how to live your life”

Perfect –complete, \_\_\_\_\_ – what God wants us to be

Furnished – equipped/adequate to do what God wants you to do

