

August 19, 2007	Pastor Mack Jarvis
How to Live from the Balcony-Not the Basement	
Message #6	How to Build a Great Life
<p>The Power of Encouragement in a Discouraging World A Study of 1 Thessalonians</p>	

Four Keys to a Life of Encouragement:

1. People are hurting and “lacking” far more _____
2. You have far more to offer _____
3. True encouragement is _____ others to take “the next step” to become something/someone they couldn’t on their own
4. _____!

12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12,13 NKJV

ATTITUDES THAT BUILD GREAT CHURCHES

1. A Word to _____ (v.12)

1) _____ - ...*those who labor among you...*

2) _____ - ...*(those who) are over you in the Lord..*

3) _____ - ...*(those who) admonish you.*

2. A Word to _____ (Us) (vv. 12,13)

12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. (vv. 12,13)

1) _____ **them** - ... *recognize those who labor...*

2) _____ **them highly**

3) _____ **with them**

3. A Word to US about _____ (vv. 14,15)

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. (v.15)

- 1) _____ the unruly
- 2) _____ the fainthearted
- 3) Hold Up the _____
- 4) Be _____ with all people

ATTITUDES THAT BUILD GREAT CHRISTIANS

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (vv. 16-18)

1. A Word about _____ (vv. 16-18)

- 1) Be _____ always
- 2) _____ continuously
- 3) _____ in all circumstances

***** Joy is a _____!

2. A Word about _____ (vv. 19-22)

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil. (vv. 19-22)

1) Be _____ to the _____

2) Be Receptive to the _____

3) Be _____

4) Stay away from every form of _____

24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. (v. 24)

Some Questions

1. How has God used His church to love, support, or encourage you in recent weeks? Thank Him!
2. When you review the attitudes that build great churches, where do you need to ask God's forgiveness or make things right with another person? Do it today.
3. Which attitude that builds great Christians do you need to choose today?