

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

God's Word to You and God's Work in You

God's <u>word</u> to you

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

- Do not **<u>quench</u>** the Spirit.

  1 Thessalonians 5:19 NAS

  "quench" - Greek *"sbennute"* - darkening a light or putting out a fire

  Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

  Ephesians 4:30

- Do not treat **<u>prophecies</u>** with contempt.

  1 Thessalonians 5:20

  "contempt" – Greek *"exoutheneo"* – disdain; despise; consider as no big deal.

- Test **<u>everything.</u>**

  1 Thessalonians 5:21

Two ways to test prophecy:

The **<u>SCRIPTURE</u>** Test

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.

Acts 17:11

The **<u>CHARACTER</u>** Test

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

God's work in you

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. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. Brothers, pray for us. Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Paul's desire for all believers is that they might be HOLY and BLAMELESS.

"*sanctify"* - Greek *"hagiazo"* – to become holy, distinct, set apart.

"blameless" - Greek *"amemptos"* - without accusation.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:24

"Do not get drunk on wine... Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

Ephesians 5:18

5-DAY EXPERIMENT

Monday: Pray for the first two minutes at each new place you go.
Tuesday: Give thanks for three new things.
Wednesday: Put the words *"He will do it"* where you can see them throughout the day.
Thursday: Read a seldom-read chapter of the Bible.
Friday: Reflect on the rapture and heaven - when you first wake up and before you go to bed.