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# **Obedience to God**

**(vv. 17 - 22)**

*Therefore, the one who rejects this is not  
rejecting man, but the God who gives His  
Holy Spirit to you.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:8*

*Now these people were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*

*Acts 17:11*

*...even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness...*

*2 Corinthians 11:14, 15*

# **Obedience to God**

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# **Dependence on God**

**(vv. 23 - 24)**



*Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit,  
are you now being perfected by the flesh?*

*Galatians 3:3*

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

*Galatians 5:16*

*God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure He will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again.*

*Philippians 1:6 (NCV)*

# **Concern for Others**

**(vv. 25 - 27)**

# Ultimate Dependence on God

(v. 28)

**Balanced spirituality will come from a combination of consistent obedience to God, dependence on God, and a concern for others.**

**Paul was a bona fide Apostle.**

**There is only one, true gospel.**

**False teaching existed in the time of the Early Church.**

**A person is justified by faith in Christ Jesus.**

**Spiritual life starts by God's Spirit.**

**Ongoing spiritual maturity is by God's Spirit.**

**Faith has always been what matters to God.**

**The purpose of Law was to confirm all as sinners.**

**All believers are one in Christ.**

**Believers have been adopted; God is our Father.**

**There are daily implications for our freedom and faith.**

**We are to live by the Spirit and follow Him.**

**There will be results if we do.**



**Receiving the gospel always involves transitions.**

**Above all, ministry should seek to please God.**

**Ministry should produce people who live as God  
deserves.**

**Those into whom we pour our lives can be our greatest  
sources of pride & joy.**

**Finding out how other people handle their troubles can  
help us handle our troubles.**

**We're called to please God & have a growing holiness,  
especially in the area of our sexuality**

**Right focus on others: show them love. Wrong focus:  
on their business more than our own.**

**Both the dead in Christ & those alive in Christ will meet  
the Lord in the air at His Coming!**

**The Day of the Lord will be an unexpected, inescapable  
time of destruction for unbelievers.**

**Christians are to balance treating all people the same  
with treating certain people distinctly.**

**Balanced spirituality consists of obedience to God,  
dependence on God & a concern for others.**

