



## Finish: A Stronger Body Begins With You!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

**Passage Summary:** As we press on toward the imminent return of Christ, God can and desires to use you to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ body of believers!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that a stronger body of believers is directly related to our \_\_\_\_\_ toward one another in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_! (5:12-15)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to our conduct toward one another in the body of Christ, God is looking for...

- Leadership \_\_\_\_\_! (v.12-13a)

**Remember:** When it comes a strong body, a humble gratitude and appreciation for church overseers flows from a growing \_\_\_\_\_ of the weight and responsibility they \_\_\_\_\_ as those who have answered the call to take on the mantle of leadership!

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.13b)

*“Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, ‘Do not go beyond what is written.’”*

**1 Corinthians 4:6**

**Remember:** When it comes to a strong body, peace never comes at the expense of \_\_\_\_\_, but neither does it come when we go beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ that is clearly revealed in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 4:6); indeed, wisdom and discernment are required to be a peacemaker!

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14-15)

**See that body builders are...**

Hard \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14)

*“For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘If a man will not work, he shall not eat.’”*

**2 Thessalonians 3:10**

Spirit led \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14)

Anointed \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14)

Longsuffering \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14)

*“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

**Matthew 7:1-2**

Kindness \_\_\_\_\_! (v.15)

*“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance?”*

**Romans 2:4**

**Remember:** When it comes to a strong body, a God sized \_\_\_\_\_ is key, for only as we view these instructions from God’s point of \_\_\_\_\_, and with His bigger picture purposes in mind, could we ever hope to begin to honor and obey Him!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that building a stronger body is not something you will try to accomplish on your own; instead, turn your eyes to \_\_\_\_\_, and allow His example to inspire and empower you to follow in His \_\_\_\_\_; the body of Christ will be the beneficiary of your commitment!

*“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**