***Lesson Twenty-Four***

**1 Thessalonians 5:13b-14**

**Fellowship—The Lifeblood of the Church**

In this passage Paul issues 5 distinct commands in order to strengthen the church.

**1.** The first command is found at the end of v. 13 . . . ***Live in peace with one another.***

**a.** What does the present tense command ***live in peace*** (*eirēneuō*—#1514) mean?

**b.** What is the significance of this command being mutual (***with one another***)?

**c.** What action is Paul calling us to in this command?

In the next three command Paul identifies 3 ailments of the church and the actions needed to correct these ailments.

**2.** The first ailment and corrective action is in the command to ***admonish the unruly***.

**a.** What does the command ***admonish*** (*noutheteō—*#3560) mean?

**b.** What does the term ***unruly*** (*ataktos—*#813) mean?

**c.** What action is Paul calling us to in this command?

**3.** The second ailment and corrective action is in the command to ***encourage the fainthearted***.

**a.** What does the command ***encourage*** (*paramutheomai*—#3888) mean?

**b.** What does the term ***fainthearted*** (*oligopsuchos*—#3642) mean?

**c.**  What action is Paul calling us to in this command?

**4.** The third ailment and corrective action is in the command to ***help the weak***.

**a.** What does the command ***help*** (*antechomai*—#472) mean?

**b.** What does the term ***weak*** (*asthenēs*—#772) mean?

**c.** What action is Paul calling us to in this command?

**5.** The final command in this section is to ***be patient with everyone***.

**a.** What does the command ***be patient*** (*makrothumeō*—#3114) mean?

**b.** Why is ***patience*** such an important attribute in interpersonal relationships?

**6.** In examining these 5 commands directed at the church, what is Paul’s purpose? What effect and impact does obedience to these commands have on the health of the church? What impact does neglect or disobedience to these commands have on the health of the church?