

5 Thess. 5: 27 24

SUBJECT: The Life of  
Dedication

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I Thess. 5: 23, 24

THE LIFE OF DEDICATION  
(Christianity Life in Thessalonians)

1. Began with a genuine, Holy Spirit conversion

I Thess. 1: 5, 6... " in word  
in power  
in the H.S.  
in assurance  
in affliction - no affliction, persecution could  
intimidate them  
in joy

2... in Macedonia and Achaia  
in many places - know they were saved, but  
many are still blind to it.

2. Founded on the word of God.

I Thess. 2: 13

Not on a theological system, series, opinions, pronouncements of a church.

Not on the recollection of a mere emotional experience.

But on the word, promises of God.

(1) John 1: 12 as day, night, hour, time, place, power.  
Had learned the secret of a happy life is not emotional  
feeling but single faith. A great thing, on the solid ground  
to walk by faith, not by sight.

### 3. Living the life of love

I Thess. 3:12

Not cold, formal & etc., but affectionate children of our dear family, loving one another.

1. Epl. 3:18, 19 only in fellowship with all saints & ours  
we know the length, breadth...

2. Epl. 4:32; I Thess. 4:9

### 4. Living the life of hope, expectancy.

I Thess. 4:13-18

This life but the beginning - our citizenship is in heaven.

### 5. Living the life of joy, prayer, thankfulness

I Thess. 5:16-18

(1) Joy, thankfulness

Nothing that makes us & influences no effort on the spirit of thankfulness, holy gladness. A turbulent, noisy, discontented spirit dishonors our God.

(2) Babel dream, "What man is that is dead."

(3) A life of prayer.

Not pray, but a life of prayer. Most pray but few live the life of prayer. The habit of devotion: altar presence was living in the holy place; fragrance, the heart that lives in the presence of God.

(4) The man hid under the bed to see how the saint prayed.

6. Summary: Conclusion: the life & dedication  
I Thess. 5: 23, 24

(1) Sanctification [setting apart John 17: 19] the will  
of God for us. I Thess. 4: 3; 5: 23  
Do not belong to the world; belong to the  
πνεῦμα  
ψυχῆ  
σώματος

Implying three things:

- i - Separation.  
want cannot concentrate to God, give up, surrender.  
f. Child: learn up things out hands, hold in God. All in the world.
- ii - Dedication  
Rom 12: 1, 2
- iii - Infilling  
not an empty vessel like vss 12: 43-45

(2) The word of God.  
I Thess. 5: 23a, 24 He sets us apart to himself.  
f. Isaac's wife was provided with her wedding array,  
had only to put it over to meet her lord. So granted  
to the bride, & not she should be "arrayed in fine linen."  
Rom. 13: 14 put it on in the presence of  
I Cor. 1: 30 'Y is made up in... sanctification?

Not boasting of our perfection, but given to God; not  
reached the goal, but pressing toward it; as the book of  
discipline said it, "growing over it."

"pressured blameless" in it.  
f. a child may walk crooked, but doing his best, slung  
over it, with his blameless, remove his feet.