

A CARING PLACE FOR STRUGGLING PEOPLE

1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-15 - APRIL 7, 2024

Introduction:

- get pastoral
- get real

1. Admonish the idle (14b)

- Struggle = idleness, disorder, or lack of discipline
- Ministry = admonish

2. Encourage the fainthearted (14c)

- Struggle = fainthearted
- Ministry = encourage

3. Help the weak (14d)

- Struggle = weakness
- Ministry = help

4. Be patient with them all (14e)

1 Timothy 1:16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

5. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil (15a)

6. Always seek to do good to one another and to everyone (15b)

Conclusions:

- Struggling people are not a reason to leave a church
- Love is the foundation of all of this
- Remember that your pastors are “equippers”
- Pray first, last, and always
- What if you’re one of the struggling people?