EXEMPLARY FAITH FOR IMMINENT RAPTURE – 1 Thessalonians 5

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this **more and more.**

Idle Christianity _____ _____ exist!

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

The presence and _____ of God is given to us through the promise of the Holy Spirit, for those who _____ Christ! **– Acts 1:8**

Paul gives his final admonishments:

1. Remain watchful and _____! – V. 1-11

We don't need to worry about _____ Christ will return – we just need to be _____!

Paul reminds believers that we are not in darkness so that this day should _____ us like a thief**:**

1) We are to live every day with _____ of Christ's return! – **2 Timothy 2:3–4; 1 Peter 5:8**

A **"**good soldier**"** is always _____ to his surroundings! – He's ready to receive and _____ his orders!

2) We have been given a manual to _____ the times! – **Matthew 16:2–3**

Jesus said _____ we need to interpret the signs of the times has been given to us in His Word!

V. 6, Paul implores the church **"**not to be like others, who are asleep, but to be awake and sober" in their _____ through this life!

Paul employs one of his favorite metaphors, a _____ armor!

A. The _____ of faith and love!

B. The _____ of hope and salvation!

2. Respect your _____ leaders! – V. 12-13

3. Be spiritually _____ with one another! – V. 14-15

4. Remain in _____ gratitude! – V. 16-18; Mark 12:30

5. Don't _____ the Holy Spirit! – V. 19-28

The influence of the Holy Spirit is quenched when …

1) His guidance and conviction in our hearts is _____.

2) We entertain thoughts and actions _____ to God's revealed Word!

3) When we submit to anger, doubt, or _____!