

## Playing With Legos: All Together Now!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (page 988)

We all share something in common: A family bond!

The church was brought into existence by the Gospel and ought to be shaped by the Gospel.

BIG QUESTION: ME-CENTERED? OR US-CENTERED AROUND CHRIST?

Behavior towards leaders: Verse 12-13

How should we treat them?

A healthy Christian leader must first understand who they are under before they can effectively lead those they are over.

Behavior towards each other: Verse 14-15

The Idle -

The Fainthearted -

The Weak -

The Gospel is about reconciliation not vengeance.

Gospel shaping commands: Verse 16-22

Rejoice always -

Pray without ceasing -

Give thanks in all circumstances -

## Food for Thought for the week of May 7, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. Who are some great leaders in your life? Why do you respect them?
2. Why is it sometimes hard to trust our leaders? How does holding our leaders in "highest regards" create peace?
3. What does the word "admonish" mean? How do you personally receive admonishment?
4. Tell of a situation when someone came alongside you when you were weak and disheartened. How can we as a church strive to do good in this area?
5. How do we "rejoice in everything"? What does that look like? What does "praying continually" mean to you?
6. What do we know that is good that we can hold on to? (vs. 21)
7. Is it really possible for us to live this way? How does knowing and being confident in our sanctification allow us follow these instructions?

Further scripture: Romans 8:28, Romans 15:1-13, Philippians 4:6-7, 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 1 Peter 5:1-15

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