
SERMON OUTLINE

Really helping others 1 Thessalonians 5:14 – 15

- I. Three ways we can truly help others (1 Thessalonians 5:14a)
 - A. Sometimes we need to warn and confront those who are irresponsible.
 - Be willing to admonish and address the behavior of some who are stubborn or lazy.
 - B. Sometimes we need to encourage the discouraged.
 - Emotionally support those who struggle with insecurity, fears and discouragement.
 - C. Sometimes we need to help the weak.
 - Actively get involved helping those who struggle spiritually (Galatians 6:1).
- II. Three attitudes of people who truly help others (1 Thessalonians 5:14b-15)
 - A. Be patient – Show grace for all.
 - Be gracious far longer than you want to (Patience is fruit of Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23).
 - B. Never retaliate.
 - Reject “payback” mode (1 Peter 3:9).
 - C. Be kind/good – Seek to benefit the other person, believers and unbelievers.
 - What’s the most kind or loving thing do? What’s best for them, not me?