

**“Pressing on Toward our Complete Sanctification” 5/02/10**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-28**

**1 Thessalonians- “Living a Life of Focus in Expectation of Jesus’ Return”**

**Practical Considerations in the church as we wait for the Lord’s Return**

**Sanctification-** the process of growing in practical holiness as we are more fully being set apart from sin towards perfection.

**POINT 1-** As we press on toward perfection we should be have some FRUIT

A. The fruit of sanctification should include REJOICING ALWAYS  
(Neh 8:10; Phil 3:1; 4:4; Gal 5:22; Lev 23:40; promises of God- Eph 1:3)

B. The fruit of sanctification should include PRAYING ALWAYS  
(Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-8 persistence; obedience, fellowship, wisdom, thanks)

**Hacking cough... always have the tickle... ‘constantly recurring’.**

C. The fruit of sanctification should include THANKING ALWAYS  
(Will of God; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6; Col 3:17-whatever you do)

D. The fruit of sanctification should include not quenching the SPIRIT  
(ie. Conviction, illumination, guidance ; Legalist or Extremist)

E. The fruit of sanctification should include not despising the WORD  
(originally referred to prophecies; Eph 2:20; 3:5; 1 Cor 12:28; 2 Tim 4:2)

F. The fruit of sanctification should include an attitude of DISCERNMENT  
(Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1-4; 2 Tim 2:15; 1 Cor 12:10; 2 Thess 2:2 rapture)

G. The fruit of sanctification should include avoiding all false TEACHING  
(context is within false prophecies/teachings; “every kind of evil”)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to truly be growing in the fruit of sanctification!*

**POINT 2-** As we press on toward perfection we should be have HOPE

A. Our hope for complete sanctification is rooted in God’s FAITHFULNESS  
(James 1:4- ‘completely’; Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:28-30)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us our hope in Him to bring us confidence!*