

**Building Strong Relationships: Nurturing Friendships and Family Ties  
I Thessalonians 5:11**

1. If we see the Holy Spirit directing the Apostle Paul to instruct us to *comfort, encourage, build, edify, build up, one another*, \_\_\_\_\_!
2. The Greek verb for “comfort” is *parakaleo*, which means \_\_\_\_\_, as in aiming to \_\_\_\_\_ (Strongs 3870).
3. The Greek noun for “comfort” is *paraklesis*, which means \_\_\_\_\_ with an aim \_\_\_\_\_ someone (Strongs 3874).
4. The Greek verb for “edify or build” is *oikodomeo*, which literally means to “\_\_\_\_\_.” It can also be used to embolden someone (Strongs 3618).
5. The Greek noun for “edify or build” is *oikodome*, which means a \_\_\_\_\_, or an \_\_\_\_\_. According to Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, it literally means “the \_\_\_\_\_.” It “expresses the \_\_\_\_\_” (Strongs 3619).
6. The first word in I Thess. 5:11 is “\_\_\_\_\_,” suggesting that the statement that follows is “there” because of the Apostle Paul’s teaching that \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Paul was writing at a time when believers were concerned about seeing their \_\_\_\_\_ again. It was a time of \_\_\_\_\_ of believers. I Thess. 5:1-10 tells us what verse 11 is there for.
8. I Thess. 5:1-10 immediately follows the most quoted passage about the Rapture of the Church.” In I Thess. 4:16-18, notice after Paul explains how the Lord will descend and so on, he then says: “Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ with these words” in verse 18.
9. The point is, recalling that the Lord will return for us is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

10. The structure is similar in I Thess 5. Verses 1-10 explain Christ's return after the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. Interestingly, we are told in verse 11 to "encourage, build up each other ..." with those truths.

(11) The trials we face as Christians can be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that the thief (Satan), comes to kill, steal and destroy. Our enemy is \_\_\_\_\_ merely trying to annoy us!

(12) Considering the Greek words for comfort, build, and edify, we are \_\_\_\_\_ words of encouragement, comfort and edification to our fellow believers.

(13) I Thess. 5:1-10 helps us understand \_\_\_\_\_ we can use to "encourage and build up" our fellow believers.

(14) In I Thess. 5:1-10, Paul says we can \_\_\_\_\_ by reminding each other: (1) of the return of Christ, (2) who we are in Christ (identity), (3) to be alert, (4) to wear the armor for battle, and (5) of the blessings we have because of Jesus Christ's death on the cross.

(15) In I Thess. 5:4-5, Paul reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_: "... brothers and sisters ... you are all children of light and children of the day."

(16) In verses 6-8, he tells us to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, and to "put on the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith and love, [and] ... \_\_\_\_\_ of the hope of salvation..."

(17) In verse 9, He reminds us that because of Jesus Christ's sacrificial death for us, we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God like the unbeliever will, according to John 3:36.

(18) In his Bible commentary, Dr. Tony Evans says of I Thess. 5:11: "These theological truths are not for personal education alone but for our corporate edification. We \_\_\_\_\_ or we \_\_\_\_\_ — together" (1266).

(19) So, commit 1 Thessalonians 5:11 to memory: \_\_\_\_\_

**just as you are doing."**