**What A Christian Should NEVER Be**

**Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18**

***Unruly***

***2 Peter 2:9-10 …the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the Day of Judgment, 10and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries…***

***Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

***Proverbs 15:10 Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, and he who hates correction will die.***

***1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus fight: not as one who beats the air. 27But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.***

***Discouraging***

***Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.***

***Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.***

***Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.***

***Too Busy To Help Others***

***James 2:14-17 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16and one of you says to them “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.***

***Philippians 2:3-4 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.***

***Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.***

***Impatient***

***1 Corinthians 13:4 Love suffers long and is kind;***

***Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.***

***Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***

***Vengeful***

***Romans 12:17-20 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. 20Therefore “If your enemy is hunger, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.***

***Matthew 5:43-45 You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” 44But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.***

***Without Joy***

***John 16:31-33 Jesus answered, “Do you now believe? 32Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”***

***James 1:2-3 -My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.***

***Psalm 32:10-11 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. 11Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!***

***Ungrateful***

***Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.***

***James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.***

***Psalm 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.***

***Hebrews 2:1-3 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 2For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation…?***