

Takin' Care of Business

(Homiletical Outline of 1 Th 5:12-28; Wistrom, 5/10/26)

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I. What is Our Business? Love

- A. More & More Love Introduced (4:9-12, c.f. 3:12)
- B. More & More Love Invigorated (4:24-5:11)
 - 1. By Alleviating Hope-Killing Grief (4:13-18)
 - 2. By Alleviating Hope-Killing Fretting (5:1-11)
- C. More & More Love Detailed & Rewarded (5:12-24)

II. How Do We Take Care of Business? Pursuing Peace

- A. In Your Relationships (5:12-15)
 - 1. With Church Shepherds (5:12-13)
 - 2. With Church Strugglers (5:14)
 - 3. With Church Hurters (5:15)
- B. In Your Attitude (5:16-22)
 - 1. An Attitude of Thankful Joy (5:16-18)
 - a) Through Always-Joy (5:16)
 - b) Through Always-Prayer (5:17)
 - c) Through Always-Thanksgiving (5:18)
 - 2. An Attitude of Watchfulness (5:19-22)
 - a) Not Rejecting Prophecies (5:19-20)
 - b) But Evaluating Prophecies (5:21-22)

III. What's the Result of Takin' Care of Business? Final Salvation

- A. Its Source, Content & Timing (5:23)
- B. Its Certainty (5:24)

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