

# A Greater Community

1 THESSALONIANS 5.11-18

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## *The Culture Code*

“Give a good idea to a mediocre team, and they’ll find a way to screw it up. Give a mediocre idea to a good team, and they’ll find a way to make it better. The goal needs to be to get the team right, get them moving in the right direction, and get them to see where they are making mistakes and where they are succeeding.”

# Patrick Lencioni

## *5 Dysfunctions of a Team*

“Not finance. Not strategy. Not technology. It is teamwork that remains the ultimate competitive advantage, both because it is so powerful and so rare.”

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**Every Christians carries the  
responsibility to build up the community.**

Building People is the Goal

## 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

# Building People is the Goal

- Encourage
- Build Up



## Proverbs 18:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Above Us: How can I support?

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

<sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

# Above Us

- Recognize the Contribution

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- Recognize the Work
- Honor the Contribution

# Above Us

## In Authority

- Parent
- Boss
- Professor
- Teacher
- Community leader
- Coach

# Above Us

## Under Authority

- Citizen
- Employee
- Student Organization
- Neighborhood
- Son or Daughter
- Niece or Nephew
- Granddaughter or Grandson

# Above Us

## Under Authority

- How many positive, encouraging and building words have I placed into these relationships?
- How many negative words have I put into these relationships?



# Above Us

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Beside Us: How can I help?

## 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

# Beside Us

- Warn

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- Warn
  - “to impart understanding
  - “to set right”
  - “to have a corrective influence on someone,”
  - “to lay on the heart of someone.”
  - ” “to teach”

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Against Us: What is the highest good?

## 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

# Against Us

- Assume Misunderstanding and hurt feelings

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  - [ericgeiger.com](http://ericgeiger.com)

**1**

**thick skin  
tough heart**

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**thin skin**  
**tough heart**

jaded

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**resilient**  
**thick skin**  
**tender heart**  
**compassionate**

3

**thin skin**  
**tender heart**

wounded

# Against Us

- Assume Misunderstanding and hurt feelings
- Seek the Good

Inside Us: What's needed in me?

# 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always,

<sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing,

<sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# Inside Us:

- Rejoice Always

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“The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.”

— James Branch Cabell, *The Silver Stallion*

# Inside Us:

- Rejoice Always

Philippians 4:8

Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

# Inside Us:

- Rejoice Always
- Pray without Ceasing



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- Pray without Ceasing

“I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me.”

— **C.S. Lewis**

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- Pray without Ceasing
- In everything GIVE THANKS

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For you

In Christ Jesus...

# Application

- Above Us: How can I support?
- Beside us: How can I help?
- Against Us: What is the highest good in this situation?
- Inside of Us: What change is needed in me?

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