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HOLDING ON TO DEAR LIFE

1 Thessalonians 5:11-24 NIV
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Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 NIV

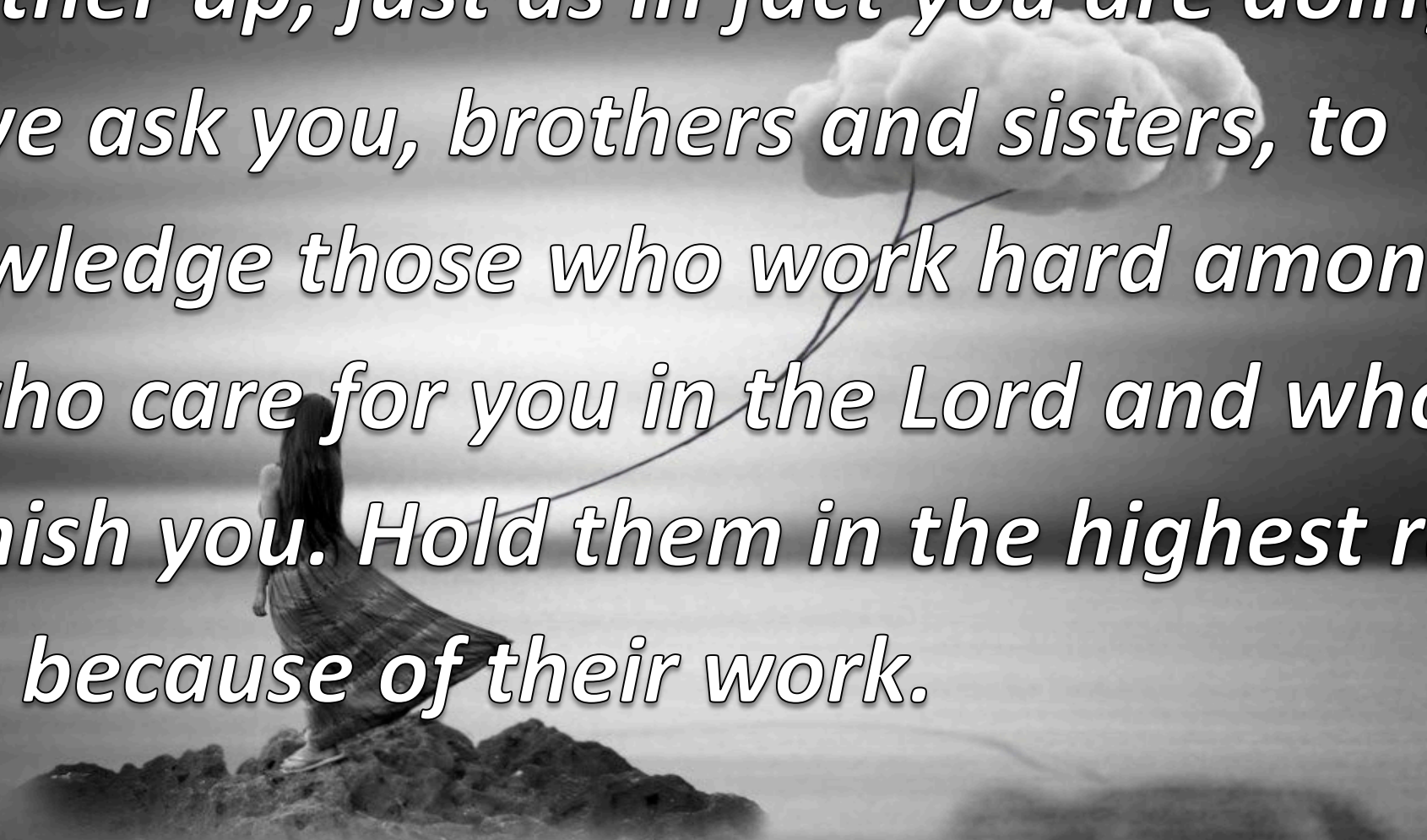


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Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a long, flowing, light-colored dress, stands on a dark, rocky outcrop. She is looking upwards towards a large, white, fluffy cloud in the sky. A thin, dark string or thread is visible, extending from the cloud down to the woman's hands, which are held together in front of her. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a body of water and distant hills under a pale sky.

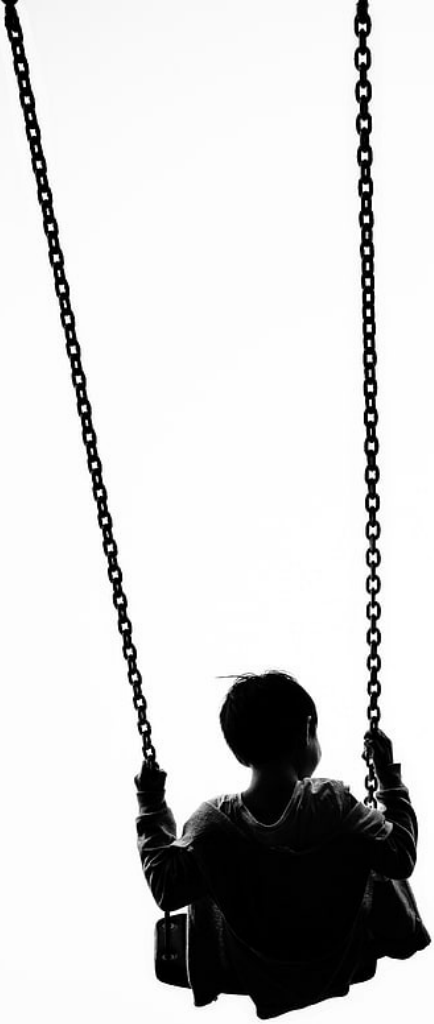
Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

1Th 5:11-14 NIV



THE CHURCH SHOULD HOLD DEAR TO THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT





***Make sure that nobody
pays back wrong for
wrong, but always strive
to do what is good for
each other and for
everyone else.***

1Th 5:15 NIV



THE CHURCH SHOULD HOLD DEAR TO THE MINISTRY OF SENSITIVITY

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

1Th 5:16-22 NIV



THE CHURCH SHOULD HOLD DEAR TO THE MINISTRY OF SENSITIVITY

Attend to the fellowship.

Warn the lazy.

Comfort the fearful.

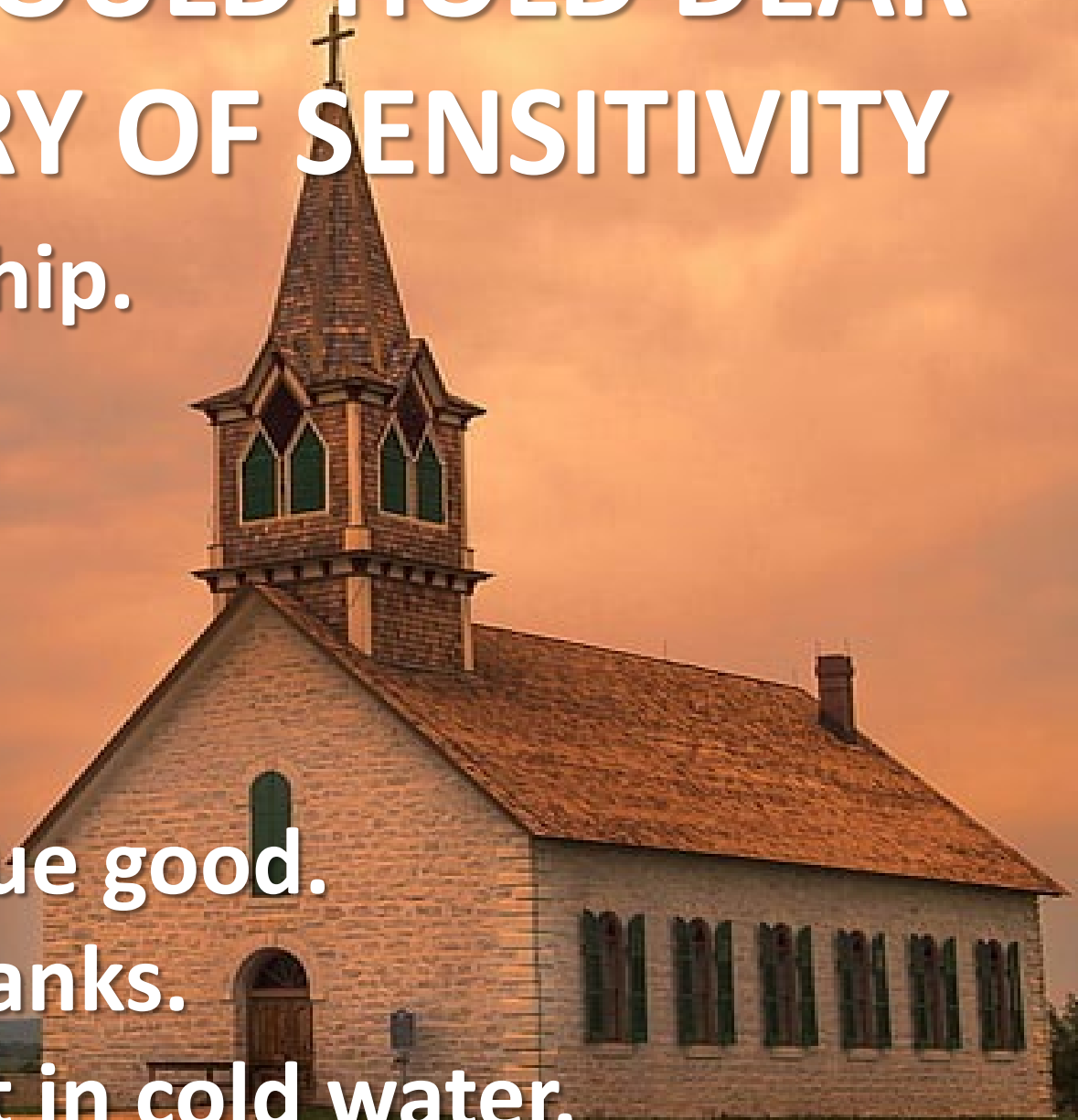
Cling to the weak.

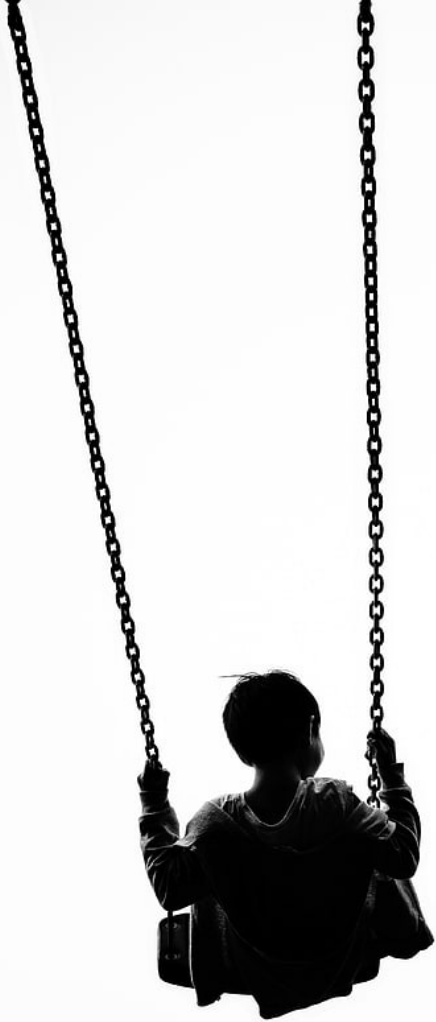
Be patient with all.

Avoid paybacks. Pursue good.

Rejoice. Pray. Give thanks.

Don't douse the Spirit in cold water.

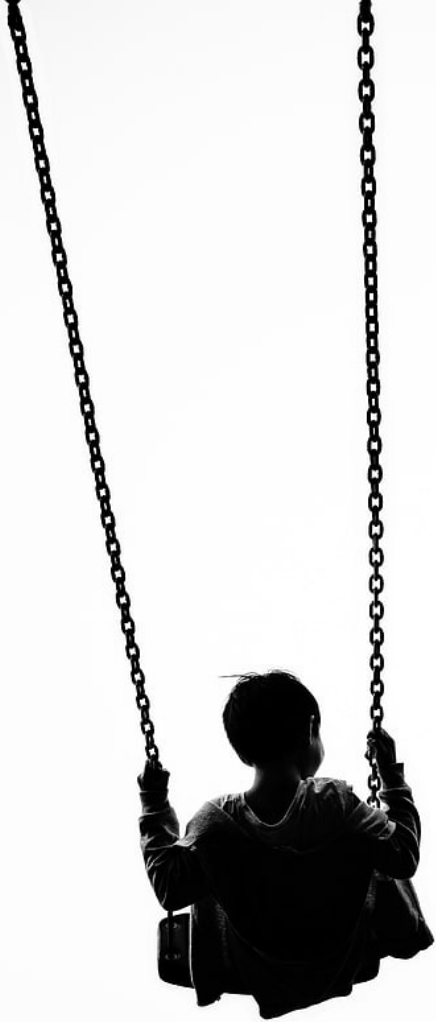




**May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and
body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The
One who calls you is faithful,
and He will do it.**

1Th 5:23-24 NIV





LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY.

***Our best days are not behind us
they are before us.***

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