

Daylight Disciples
1 Thessalonians 5: 5-8

Introduction:

1. Men are either of the **day** or of the **night** (1 Thess.5: 5).
 - A. Light in the Bible represents goodness, righteousness, and God.
 1. 1 John 1: 5— This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
 2. Acts 26:18— 'to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'
 - B. Followers of the Lord are to walk in the light.
 1. John 8:12— Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
 2. 1 John 1:7— But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
2. In this lesson we want to consider some characteristics of *daylight disciples*.

Body:

1. **Daylight disciples must remain alert.**
 - A. Verse six of our text tells us to "watch" and "be sober."
 - B. Christians should become alert to:
 1. The power of evil. In fact Christians are told to abstain from every form of evil (1 Thess. 5:22). We must know that evil and sin have powers and pleasures.
 2. Opportunities to serve. Each member must work together.
 3. Alert to the Lord's second coming(I Thess. 5:4, Matt. 24:44).
2. **Daylight disciples must remain faithful.**
 - A. Verse eight tells us to put on the breastplate of faith.
 - B. Those at Thessalonica had a faith that produced a living, active, and dynamic faith.
 - C. Their faith helped Paul endure the persecutions he faced (1 Thess. 3:7).
 - D. Their faith helped them believe in the resurrection and second coming of Christ (1Thess. 4:14-17).
3. **Daylight disciples also have on the breastplate of love.**
 - A. When one love's God they will:
 1. Obey Him (1 John 5:3).
 2. Obey His Son(John 14:15).
 3. Love the brethren (1 John 3: 13-15).
 4. They will labor in the Lord's service (Rev. 2:19).
 - B. Daylight disciples will love those who serve the Lord (Gal. 5:13-14).
 - C. Daylight disciples will love the Lord's appearing(2 Tim. 4:7-8).
4. **Daylight disciples will live as people of hope.**
 - A. They expect the Lord's coming because they watch for it (Matthew 25:13; Rev. 3:3).
 - B. They expect to live with Him when this life is over (1 Thess 5:10).

Conclusion:

1. People who are of the world live in sin and walk in darkness.
2. God's people are *daylight disciples* because they walk in the light of God and His word.
3. Are you a *daylight disciple*?