
Succinct

Characterized by clear, precise expression in few words; concise.
Gettysburg address (271 words)

1Thessalonians 5:12-22 (136 words)

:12-13 **Appreciate those who watch out for souls.**

:13b-14 **Concerning brethren.**

Live in peace (as depends upon you).

Admonish the unruly.

Encourage the fainthearted (discouraged).

Help the weak.

Be patient toward all.

:15 **Don't pay back with evil.**

Revenge is bittersweet.

Two wrongs don't make one "right."

Seek other's good.

:16 **Rejoice always.**

Because we are "sons of God."

Because we are disciples of Christ.

Because we have hope without disappointment.

:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

Regularly, and in special circumstances.

Persevere with a devoted, not doubtful, heart.

:18 **Give thanks.**

Prayer coupled with thanksgiving.

Such demonstrates a "grateful heart."

:19 **Quench not the Spirit.**

Let His Spirit rule in our hearts.

:20 **Do not despise prophetic utterances** (teachings from God).

"Hear ye Him" is a must.

Listen to what's in the book, not what's in someone's mind.

:21 **Examine everything carefully.**

Gain knowledge, exercise good judgment.

Test, try teachers and teachings.

Hold to what is good, reject what is evil.

Powerful Succinct Lessons

Judge a message by its content, not its length.

May we get all of the message contained in such brief passages.

So read, learn, understand, and (especially) follow.