



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

MINISTRY TO ME

INTRODUCTION

A. Now = Moreover

1. ¹⁶ Rejoice always,
2. ¹⁷ pray without ceasing,
3. ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
4. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.
5. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies.
6. ²¹ Test all things; hold fast what is good.
7. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

B. What is more important? _____

SANCTIFIED BY GOD

A. The God of Peace _____

B. Sanctify = *hagiazō* = holy, set apart _____

C. Completely

1. = *holotelēs* = complete, through and through (NIV), so that nothing escapes the sanctifying power
2. Used in a quantitative way

D. God, himself, does it _____

E. God, himself, wants to sanctify every part of myself _____

F. Is there a part of me that I do not want God, himself, to sanctify? _____

PRESERVED FOR GOD

A. Whole _____

1. = complete in all its parts, in no part wanting or unsound, having the entire allotment
2. Used in a qualitative way

B. **Spirit – God-Conscious** ▪ [Intimacy with God] _____

1. Do I know who I am in relation to who God created me to be?
2. How do I nurture and deepen my relationship with God?
3. Pleasing people versus pleasing God

C. **Soul – Self-Conscious** ▪ [Intellect, Emotions, Will] _____

1. Do I know who I am?
2. Am I comfortable with who I am?
3. Do I know who I am not?
4. Pleasing people versus pleasing me (selfish-serving vs self-preserving)

D. **Body – World-Conscious** ▪ [Five Senses] _____

1. Consider, how do I interact with the world?
2. Therefore, how will I interact with the world?
3. Pleasing the world versus serving the world

E. Be preserved blameless _____