

## "GOD'S GREENHOUSE"

I Thessalonians 5:12-28

The gardener \_\_\_\_\_ the plants.

➤ **Fruit production impacts the gardener's reputation.**

- He lops off "sucker" branches.
- He prunes productive branches.

A greenhouse \_\_\_\_\_ for optimal fruit.

➤ **The desired fruit \_\_\_\_\_ the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ of the environment.**

- Maintain a healthy temperature.
- Shut out unhealthy elements.
- Provide healthy elements.
- Safe place for pruning.

\_\_\_\_\_ the Gardener. (John 15:1-2)

➤ **Fruit production impacts God's reputation. (John 15:8)**

- He lops off "sucker" branches.
- He prunes productive branches.

The \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_ for optimal "fruit."

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ requires necessary conditions.

**I Thessalonians 5:12-28** <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt <sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. <sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

- Maintain a healthy "temperature."

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- Shut out unhealthy elements.

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- Provide healthy elements.

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- Safe place for pruning.

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"... all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."