

Purity, Love & Ambition

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Living & Pleasing God

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1 *"Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more."*
- 2 *"For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus."*
- 3-8 ~ God's will is our sanctification
- 9-10 ~ And that we love one another
- 11-12 ~ And aspire to a quiet life

The Will of God: Your Sanctification

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you. "*

Love One Another

- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 *"Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, "*

Make This Your Ambition

- 4:11-12 "*and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.*"
- Ambition is usually set on worldly things such as fame and fortune.
- But as Ecclesiastes teaches us, these are empty.
- God teaches us a godly goal for life under the sun.
- It doesn't promise fame or fortune, instead it has the promise of unending love, eternal life and heavenly treasures.

An Aspiring Christian

- **Aspire To ~ Rom 15:20; 2Cor 5:9**
 - **Lead A Quiet Life (A Peaceful Life)**
 - Luke 23:56; Acts 11:2,18; 1Tim 2:2; Pr 1:33
 - **Mind Your Own Business & Work With Your Hands**
 - 1Tim 5:8; Eph 4:28; 2Thess 3:10-12
- **This Will Result In:**
 - **Behaving properly towards outsiders**
 - Colossians 4:5
 - **Having no need**
 - 2 Corinthians 9:8