

June 21, 2017
“A Lifestyle Pleasing to God”
I Thessalonians 4:9-12

I. Pleasing God: Love

“About brotherly love: You don’t need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. ¹⁰ In fact, you are doing this toward all the brothers in the entire region of Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers, to do so even more,” (9-10)

II. Pleasing God: Lifestyle (11-12)

Increasing “even more” (10) would produce a life that is:

- A. Inconspicuous “to seek to lead a quiet life” (11)**
- B. Invested “to mind your own business” (11)**
- C. Industrious “to work with your own hands as we commanded you” (11)**
- D. Incorruptible “so that you may walk properly in the presence of outsiders” (12) A**
Christian witness to the world was never far from the center of Paul’s message. To the Colossians he wrote: *“Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them. Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible, for then you will have the right answer for everyone.”* (Col. 4:5-6, TLB).
- E. Increased “and not be dependent on anyone” (12)**

1Th 4:9-12 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; **(10)** and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; **(11)** that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, **(12)** that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and *that* you may lack nothing.

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