

A Life That Pleases God

Christian living is more than just loving another Christian. We must be responsible in all areas of life. We can't be effective in sharing our faith with others if we have adopted a life of idleness. Sexual standards are at an all time low and it will get worse. We can't be effective when others don't respect us. God is calling us to be a positive force in society! God is calling us to live holy. Forget about New Years resolutions! When you know you are living a life that is not pleasing God, make an effort to correct the matter immediately!

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 NLT – (1) Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. **(2)** For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

(3) God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. **(4)** Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—**(5)** not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. **(6)** Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. **(7)** God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. **(8)** Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

(9) But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. **(10)** Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more.

(11) Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. **(12)** Then people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

Many are in denial. Many are spiritually blind. Many are acting self righteous believing that they have God's word down packed. The Pharisees and scribes believed the same thing and both we're missing the mark! There is only one way to please God; His word, His way!

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 12:8-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You may need to lose everything to find God is all you need.

