

The church in Thessalonica: A good example

⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess. 1:8-10

³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father-1 Thess. 1:3

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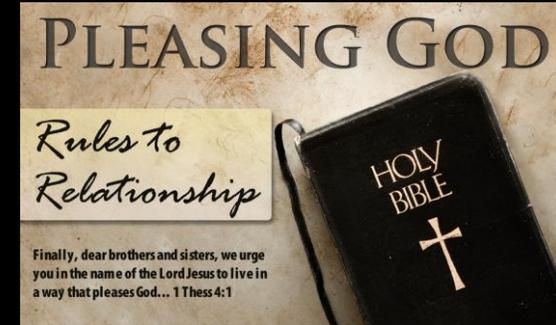
¹³ For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe-1 Thess. 2:13

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also *to see you*— ⁷ therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith-1 Thess. 3:6-8

Abound More and More!

Pleasing God in your walk (4:1-2)

- This is accomplished by following what was received/commanded
- This is urgent (:1)
 - We need to instill the approach of Joshua, Moses, and Abraham
 - We need to understand the example of the early saints
 - Do we approach the will of God with urgency?

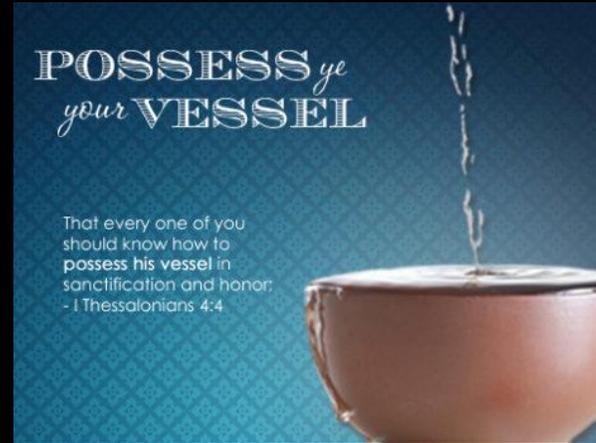


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Pleasing God in your walk (4:1)

Possessing your vessel in honor (4:4-5)

- You are not just another vessel like any other-you are sanctified
- You are not made for sexual immorality and lust!
- You are called to holiness (:6)
- This takes courage in our society!



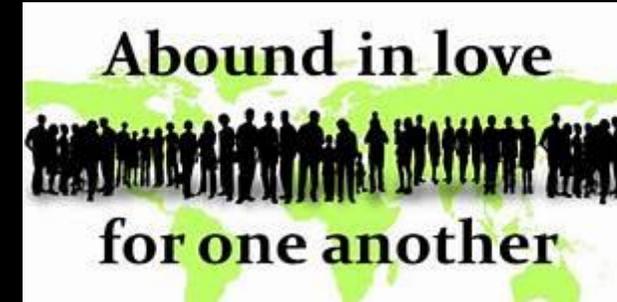
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Professing your love for the brethren (4:9-10)

- This is something God has made clear to us and taught us (:9)
- We must develop a certain level of dependency on one another
- We are not monuments in a museum but living stones in the temple of God (I Pt. 2:4)
- We must appreciate the benefits of synergy (Gk. *synergoi*)



The church in Thessalonica: A good example... ...and getting better

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith

2 Thess. 1:3-4a



"Courage To Be and To Do"

To Be Hospitable
To Be Evangelistic
To Accept Change
To Forgive
To Do Things God's Way
To Be Vulnerable
To Keep My Commitments
To Be Optimistic
To Act With Kindness
To Lead My Family
To Be Willing to Yield
To Be A Soldier