

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Topics: Christian Life, Love, Obedience, Purity
Series: 1 Thessalonians: Exemplary?

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Exemplary Love

A Christian ought to strive to:

I. The Pleasing Life (1-2)

please God,

II. The Pure Life (3-8)

live a sanctified life, which includes sexual purity,

III. The Proper Life (9-12)

and to love fellow believers while living responsibly among outsiders.

We love, because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing name tags. You can also email us your prayer requests..

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2. What does Paul urge the Thessalonians to do? What's unusual about his request?

If the Lord gave you the same request as in verse 1, what would you think you needed to change in how you're living?

2. In 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 Paul addresses an area of God's will that is of special concern. What is it?

What beliefs does Paul want the Thessalonians to have that are different from those in their culture? What reasons does he give for this?

What does sanctification mean? In thinking of sanctification, what are some specific areas of your life that come to mind?

3. What does Paul urge the Thessalonians to do in 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 that he says they're already doing. How do they know how to do it?

What can make this so hard to do at times? What helps?

4. Paul addresses conduct among those outside the church in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12. What does he tell them to do, and why?

What purpose would "proper behavior toward outsiders" serve? What does this look like in your life?

5. How does this passage reflect the need for exemplary love in God's people?