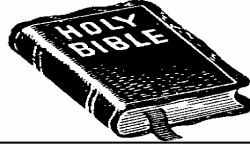


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THE BOOK OF 1 THESSALONIANS – LESSON FIVE

Chapter Four, Continued

- Spread Your Love (V10)** “*And indeed ye ____ it _____ all the _____ which are ____ all _____; but we beseech you, brethren, that ____ increase _____ and _____.*”
The brotherly love that Paul invoked in (V9) is to be shared throughout Macedonia. That would seemingly be a natural progression as folks “lumped together” and separated in a significant way from the masses tend to gravitate more closely to each another. It would also be a purposeful endeavor since one must learn to love and exert *effort* to make it work.
- Three Vices (V11)** “*And that ye _____ to be _____, and to do _____ own _____, and to _____ with _____ own _____, as we commanded you.*” Coffman called the three classes herein addressed “fanatics, busybodies and loafers.” Often all three are found in one person. The word “*study*” means to *labor, strive, and study*. Study is much more than poring over homework. It is meditating, dissecting, pondering, and reasoning over one’s thoughts. Apparently some in the otherwise good Thessalonian church needed this instruction.
- To Be Quiet (V11)** Paul isn’t referring to absence of talking, rather the art of thinking before you speak; not prattling or verbose, but sober, letting (Col 4:6) “*your speech be always with _____, seasoned with _____.*” Too many chefs ruin the salad; many words ruin the speech.
- Do Your Own Business (V11)** Paul wrote the Romans (12:11) to be “*not slothful in _____*” but “*_____ in spirit, _____ the Lord.*” Peter instructed: (1 Pet 4:15) “*But let none of you _____ ----as a _____ in _____ men’s _____.*”
- Do Your Own Work (V11)** (Eph 4:28) “*Let him that stole _____ no _____: but rather let him _____, working _____ his _____ the thing which is good.*” (Prov 21:25) “*The _____ of the _____ killeth him; for _____ hands _____ to labour.*”
- A Good Example (V12)** “*That ye may walk _____ toward them that are _____, and that ye may have _____ of _____.*” Paul wants the non-believers (ie: “*them that are without*”) to receive a good impression from the Thessalonians. This requires the constant attention of all Christians. How shall we be instrumental in converting them if they view us with disfavor? The indolent continually hinder the productive, needing assistance, and are parasites.
- About The Dead (V13)** “*But I would _____ have _____ to be _____, brethren, concerning them _____ are _____....*” Some at Thessalonica had likely died even in the short time since Paul had left. He wants them to understand that death won’t prevent their dead loved ones from being reunited with Jesus. The phrase “*them which are asleep*” is from the GK *koimao* and simply means *slumber, sleep, be dead*. Paul insists “*that ye _____ not, even _____ others _____ have no _____.*” Sorrow is in order for the unsaved dead.