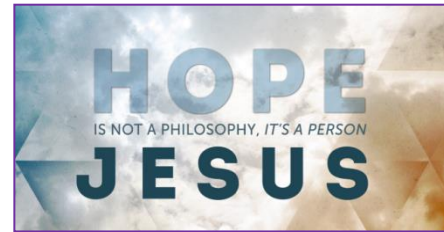




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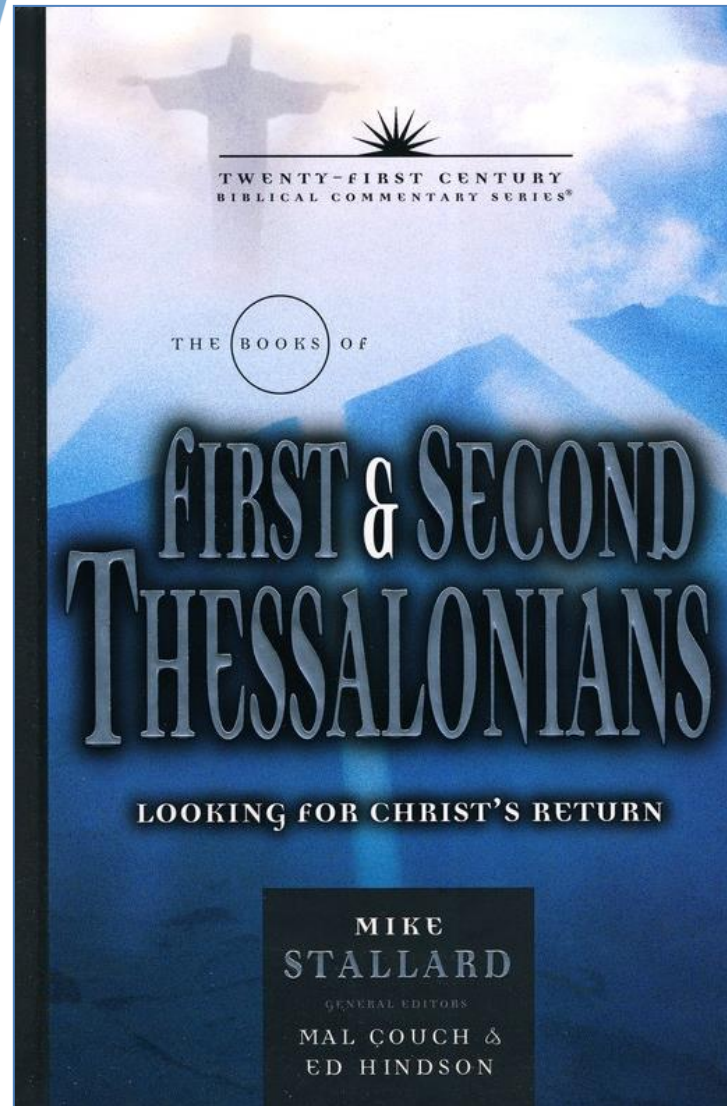
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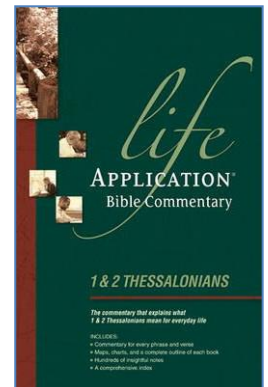
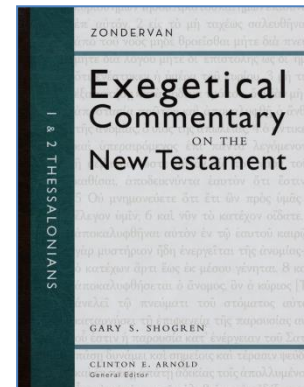
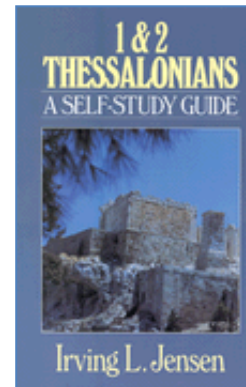
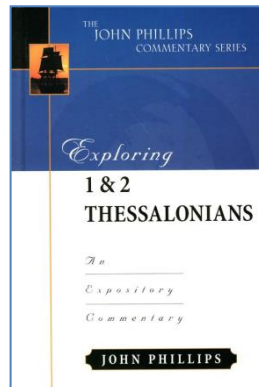
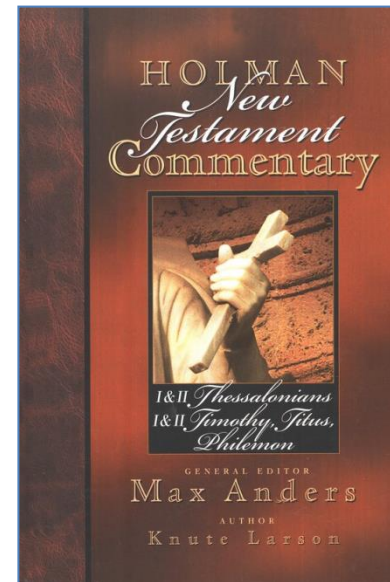
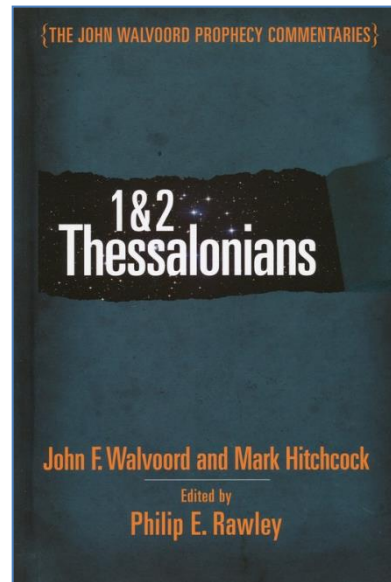


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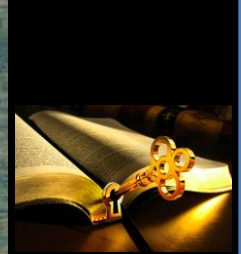
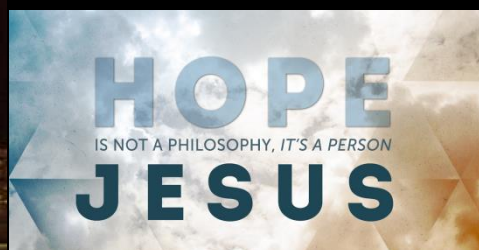
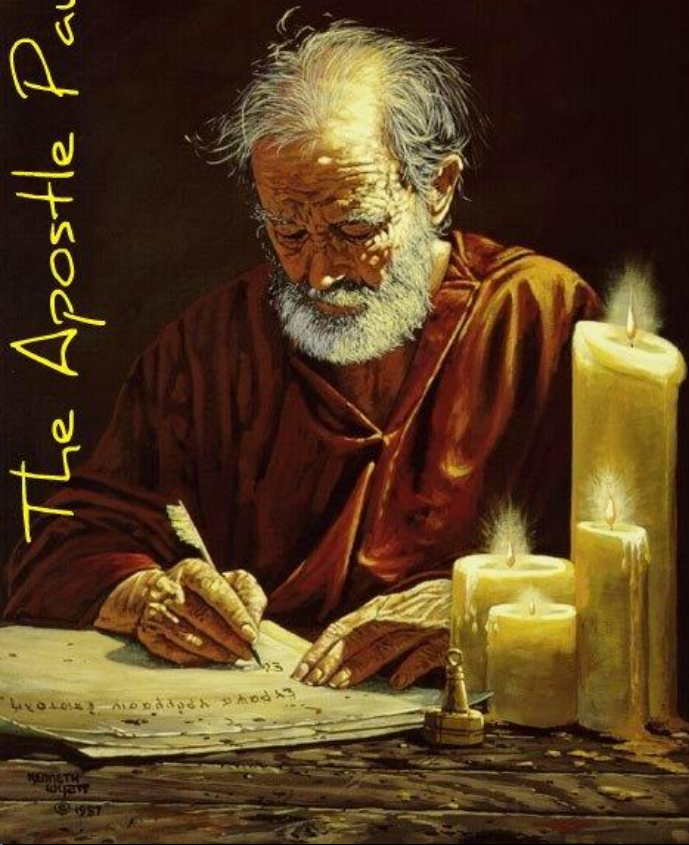




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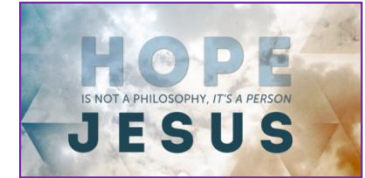


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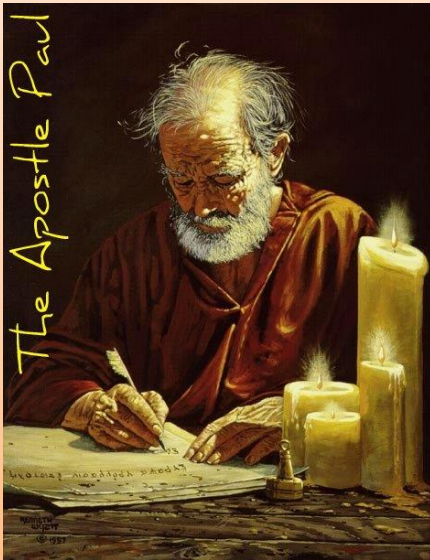
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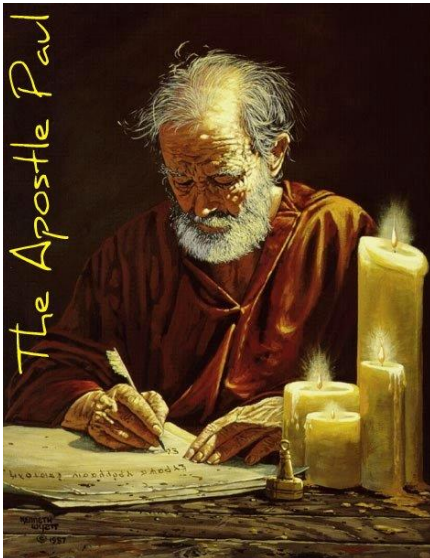
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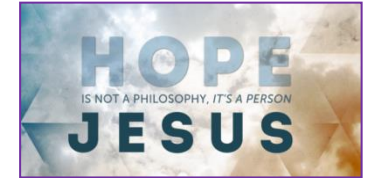
Paul urges the **Thessalonian** believers to continue on in holy living and moral purity, including abstinence from sexual immorality. Paul wants them to abound even more in unpretentious agape love toward one another and to live a life with a pure testimony before the unbelieving world.



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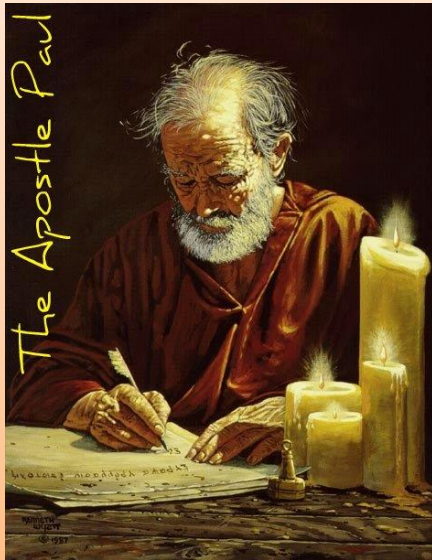
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Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 - OBSERVATIONS

4 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; ² for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

--- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 ... NKJV

³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God— and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— ³¹ that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

-- 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 ... NKJV

• Plea For Purity - How You Ought to Walk

- **FINALLY:** *loipon* [loi-po'n] ... Marks a transition
 - For Paul this does not mean he is finished
 - He is entering the final section of the letter
 - Marks the beginning of the practical instructional portion of the epistle
- Paul urges and exhorts the Thessalonians to abound more and more
 - Paul was thankful for the growth he saw in them, yet he still looked for the believers to abound more and more in their walk to please God.
 - Paul was referring to their deepening maturity in the Lord



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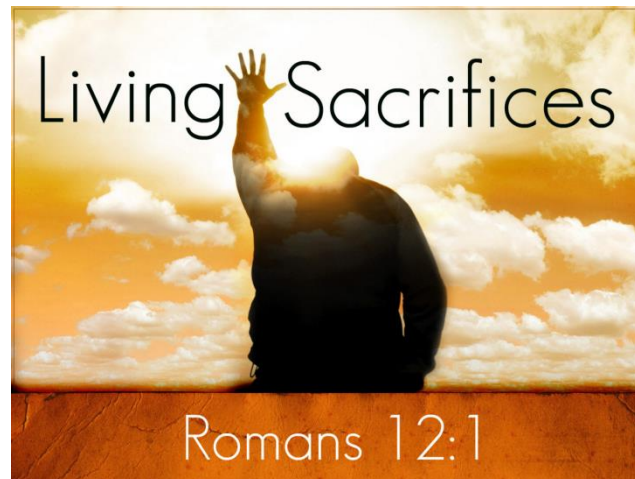
⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

--- Philippians 1:6 ... NKJV

• Plea For Purity - How You Ought to Walk

- Paul reminds the believers in Thessalonica that they had received instructions on how they ought to walk
- Their REASONABLE SERVICE

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. --- Romans 12:1-2 ... NKJV



Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ For this is the **will** of **God**, **your sanctification**: that **you** should **abstain** from **sexual immorality**;
⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

--- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 ... NKJV

• **Plea For Purity** - Abstain from Sexual Immorality

- **God's** will is **your sanctification**.
- **SANCTIFICATION**: *hagiasmos* [hä-gē-äs-mo's] - separated for service to God
 - **SANCTIFICATION** is the **process**
 - **HOLINESS** is the **final state** (event).
- **Abstain** from **sexual immorality**
 - In **Paul's** day, in the **Greek** culture, **sexual sins** were **winked** at - *sound familiar*.
 - **Paul pushed back**; **he refused** to **allow** the **standards** of the **church** to be **decided** by the **philosophies** of **contemporary society**.

DO WE SEE THESE PRESSURES IN OUR CULTURE?

--THE CULT OF POLITICALLY CORRECT TOLERANCE--

Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5 - OBSERVATIONS

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SANCTIFICATION AND HONOR

SEPARATED FOR SERVICE TO GOD
BRINGS HONOR TO GOD!

• Plea For Purity - Sanctification and Honor

- **Each** should **know** how to **possess his own vessel** in **sanctification** and **honor**

Temple of the Holy Spirit
1 Corinthians 6:13-20

- **SELF-CONTROL** over **your body**
- **SELF-CONTROL** is one of the **aspects** of the **fruit** of the **Spirit**

¹⁶ **I** say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and **you** shall not fulfill the **lust** of the **flesh**. ¹⁷ For the **flesh** lusts against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the **flesh**; and these are **contrary** to **one another**, so that **you** do not do the things that **you** wish. ¹⁸ But if **you** are **led** by the **Spirit**, **you** are not **under** the **law**. ¹⁹ Now the **works** of the **flesh** are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication**, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which **I** tell **you** beforehand, just as **I** also told **you** in time past, that **those who** practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of **God**.

²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, **self-control**. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those **who are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If **we** live in the **Spirit**, let **us** also walk in the **Spirit**. ²⁶ Let **us** not become conceited, provoking **one another**, envying **one another**.

--- Galatians 5:16-26 ... NKJV

Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 ... NKJV

SUPPRESSION OF THE KNOWLEDGE
OF GOD LEADS TO IDOLATRY;
IDOLATRY LEADS TO IMMORALITY;
IMMORALITY LEADS TO DEATH.

• Plea For Purity - Sanctification and Honor

- **ADULTERY**: *moicheia* [moi-khā'-ä] - sex between a married person and a person who is not their spouse
 - In **Corinth adultery** was a common subject of poetry and the arts. Note epistle was written from Corinth.
 - The “**new**” morality is the “**old**” immorality modernized with the latest technologies.
- **FORNICATION**: *porneia* [por-nā'-ä] - all forms of illicit sexual intercourse; *includes adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, pornography*
- **PASSION**: *epithymia* [e-pē-thü-mē'-ä] - Desire for what is forbidden; cravings; lust
 - **Paul** always uses the term “**passion**” in a **negative sense**

¹⁸ For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against **all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men**, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, ²⁶ For this reason **God** gave **them** up to vile **passions**. For even **their women** exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the **men**, leaving the natural use of the **woman**, burned in **their lust** for **one another**, **men** with **men** committing what is **shameful**, and receiving in **themselves** the penalty of **their** error which was due.

--- Romans 1:18, 26-27 ... NKJV

Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:6 - OBSERVATIONS

⁶ that no **one** should take **advantage** of and **defraud his brother** in this **matter**, because the **Lord** *is* the **avenger** of all such, as **we** also **forewarned you** and **testified**. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

--- 1 Thessalonians 4:6-8 ... NKJV

- **Plea For Purity** - Take Advantage of and Defraud
 - The **sexually immoral** take **advantage** of and **defraud others** in **ways** that are **unimaginable**.

- The **adulterer** **defrauds** their **spouse** and **children**.
 - The **fornicator** **defrauds** their **future spouse** and **illicit partner**.
 - Leviticus 18 - *a chapter where God instructed Israel on the matter of sexual morality*
 - The **command** is given to not **uncover** the **nakedness** of **another who** is **not your spouse**.
 - The **underlying truth** is that the **nakedness** of an **individual** **belongs** to their **spouse** and **no one** else; it is a **violation** of **God's law** to **give** that **nakedness** to **anyone** else, or for **anyone** else to **take** it.
 - **Sin of Ham** - **Curse** of **Noah** ... Genesis 9:20-29

²⁵ Then **he** said:

"Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." ... Genesis 9:25 ... NKJV

Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:6b-8 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Plea For Purity - Four Reasons for Purity

1. BECAUSE THE LORD IS THE AVENGER OF ALL SUCH

• FIRST of FOUR REASONS for PURITY: GOD'S PUNISHMENT.



- God will punish sexual immorality.
- No one gets away with this sin - *even if it is undiscovered.*
- The Lord is the avenger of all impurity

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. -- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ... NKJV

GOD IS SERIOUS ABOUT SIN.

HE WARNS US NOT TO BE DECEIVED.

Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:6b-8 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 4:6-8 ... NKJV

• Plea For Purity - Four Reasons for Purity

2. FOR GOD DID NOT CALL US TO UNCLEANNES

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- SECOND of FOUR REASONS for PURITY: OUR CALL TO HOLINESS
- Our call is to HOLINESS - NOT to UNCLEANNES.
- Fornication is inconsistent with who we are in Jesus Christ.
- We should glorify God in our body and in our spirit, both of which belong to God. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. -- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ... NKJV

GOD CALLS US TO BE HOLY!

- SET APART FOR SERVICE TO HIM-

Plea For Purity - 1 Thessalonians 4:6b-8 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Plea For Purity - Four Reasons for Purity

3. THEREFORE HE WHO REJECTS THIS DOES NOT REJECT MAN, BUT GOD 3

• THIRD of FOUR REASONS for PURITY: OUR REJECTION OF GOD

- To reject God's call to sexual purity is not rejecting man, but God Himself.
- Despite the paltry ways many rationalize sexual immorality, we still reject God when we sin in this way.
- Paul's strong command here did not seem to come because the Thessalonians were deep in sin.
- No specific sin is mentioned; it seems that this was meant to prevent sin rather than to rebuke sin, in light of the prevailing low standards in their society and because of the seductive strength of sexual immorality.

RATIONALIZING IMMORALITY IS A REJECTION OF GOD!
SOCIETAL MORES ARE NO EXCUSE FOR REJECTING GOD!

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• Plea For Purity - Four Reasons for Purity

4. WHO HAS ALSO GIVEN US HIS HOLY SPIRIT

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• FOURTH of FOUR REASONS for PURITY: GIFT OF HOLY SPIRIT

- We have been given the Holy Spirit
- Who empowers the willing, trusting believer to overcome all sin, including sexual sins.
- God has given us the means for victory through the Holy Spirit.
- We are accountable for how yielded we are to the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 4: 4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

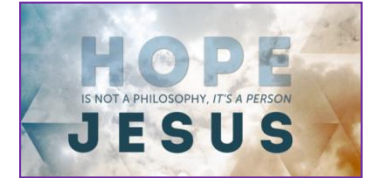
HOW YIELDED ARE YOU TO THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE?

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. --- Romans 6:12-14 ... NKJV

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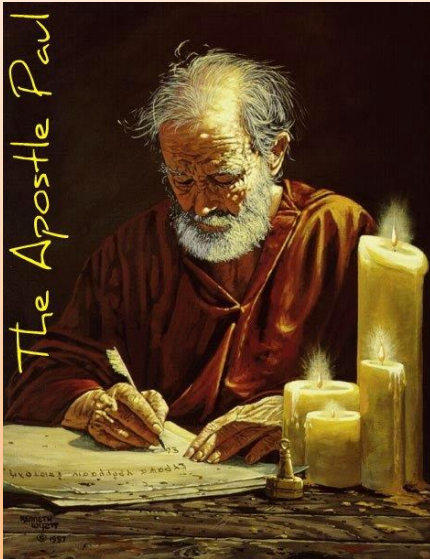
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Brotherly Love - 1 Thessalonians 4:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ 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;

--- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 ... NKJV

FOR THE BELIEVER:
LOVE IS NOT A SUGGESTION.
LOVE IS A COMMAND.

• Brotherly Love - Taught by God

- **Paul** introduces the **topic** of **BROTHERLY LOVE**

- **He** states that there is really **no need** to **write** to the **Thessalonian believers** about **it**
- They are **taught** by **God** to **love one another**.
- **Jesus** had **commanded** His **disciples** to **love one another**
- His **disciples**, including **Paul**, **taught** the **believers** to **love one another** -- It is the **distinctive** of **every "true" believer** - **love one** for **another** ... John 13:35; 1 John 3:11; 1 John 4:12-13

³⁵ By this **all will know** that **you** are **My disciples**, if **you** have **love** for **one another**." --- John 13:35 ... NKJV

¹¹ For this is the **message** that **you heard** from the **beginning**, that **we** should **love one another**, --- 1 John 3:11 ... NKJV

¹² No **one** has **seen God** at **any time**. If **we** love **one another**, **God** **abides** in **us**, and His **love** has been **perfected** in **us**. ¹³ By this **we know** that **we abide** in **Him**, and **He** in **us**, because **He** has **given us** of His **Spirit**. --- 1 John 4:12-13 ... NKJV

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--- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 ... NKJV



• Brotherly Love - Continue to Grow

• Paul's ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Paul testifies of the Thessalonians love toward all in Macedonia.

• Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT

- Paul then urges the believers to increase in this love toward one another.

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

--- 2 Peter 3:17-18 ... NKJV

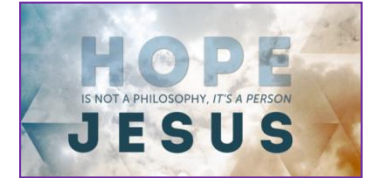
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OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO GROW IN THE GRACE
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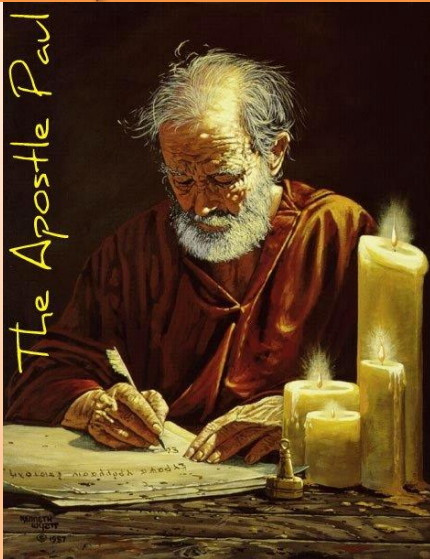
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Walk Properly - 1 Thessalonians 4:11 - OBSERVATIONS

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.

-- 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 ... NKJV

• Walk Properly - Toward Those Who Are Outside

- **Paul encourages** the **Thessalonians** to **heed his command to aspire**, *i.e., make it **their ambition** to...*



1. LEAD A QUIET LIFE
2. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS
3. WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS

ACTIONS

• LEAD A QUIET LIFE

- **QUIET**: *hēsychazō* [hā-sü-khä'-zō] - to be still; at rest
- **Opposite** of the **stereotypical American lifestyle**

- **Pleasure**, decadent, sinful
- **Narcissistic**, self-absorbed, selfish
- **Addiction** to entertainment and amusement

**HEDONISTIC
RELIGION**
Attributes

RELIGION OF THE HEDONISTIC WEST (MODERN AMERICA)

PANTHEON: Self, Money, Antichrist

PRIESTS: Celebrities, Scientists, Teachers

PROPHETS: Press, Television, Movies, Schools

PROSELYTIZE: Tabloids, Web Sites

PLACES OF WORSHIP:

TV, Internet, Social Media, Sports Arenas, Amusement Parks

DOCTRINE:

"If it feels good do it"

WE NEED TO LIVE
QUIET LIVES SO WE
CAN LISTEN TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT -
TO DEEPEN OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH
GOD!

Walk Properly - 1 Thessalonians 4:11 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 ... NKJV

"THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN DUTY OF PUTTING THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS FIRST AND THE BUSYBODY'S COMPULSIVE ITCH TO PUT OTHER PEOPLE RIGHT." (F.F. BRUCE)

• Walk Properly - Toward Those Who Are Outside

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1. LEAD A QUIET LIFE



2. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

3. WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS

ACTIONS

• MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

- **MIND**: *prassō* [prä's-sō] - to do; to commit; to keep
- **Focus** on **your own life** - **your relationship** with **God**

- DON'T **meddle** in the **matters** of **others**
- DON'T **be** a **busy-body**
- DON'T **engage** in **gossip**

²⁰ Then **Peter**, **turning** around, **saw** the **disciple** whom **Jesus** loved following, **who** also had **leaned** on **His breast** at the **supper**, and said, "**Lord**, **who** is the **one who betrays You**?" ²¹ **Peter**, **seeing him**, said to **Jesus**, "But **Lord**, what *about* this **man**?" ²² **Jesus** said to **him**, "If **I will** that **he remain** till **I come**, what *is that* to **you**? **You follow Me**." -- John 21:20-22 ... NKJV

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- **WORK**: *ergazomai* [er-gä'-zo-mī] - to labor; earn by working
- **We** need to **recognize** the **dignity** and **honor** of **work**
- **Work** was **God's plan** from the **beginning**
 - **Adam** was **placed** in the **Garden** to **tend** it (Genesis 2:15)
 - After the **fall** **work** became **toilsome** (Genesis 3:17-19)
- **Manual labor** was **despised** by **ancient Greek culture**.
 - **They thought** that the **better** a **man** was, the **less** he should **work**.
 - In **contrast**, **God** gave **us** a **carpenter King**, **fisherman apostles**, and **tent-making missionaries**.

MAKE IT YOUR
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¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

-- 1 Thessalonians 3:10 ... NKJV

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- Paul presents TWO REASONS for the THREE ACTIONS in the previous verse ... that you may ...

1. WALK PROPERLY TOWARD THOSE OUTSIDE

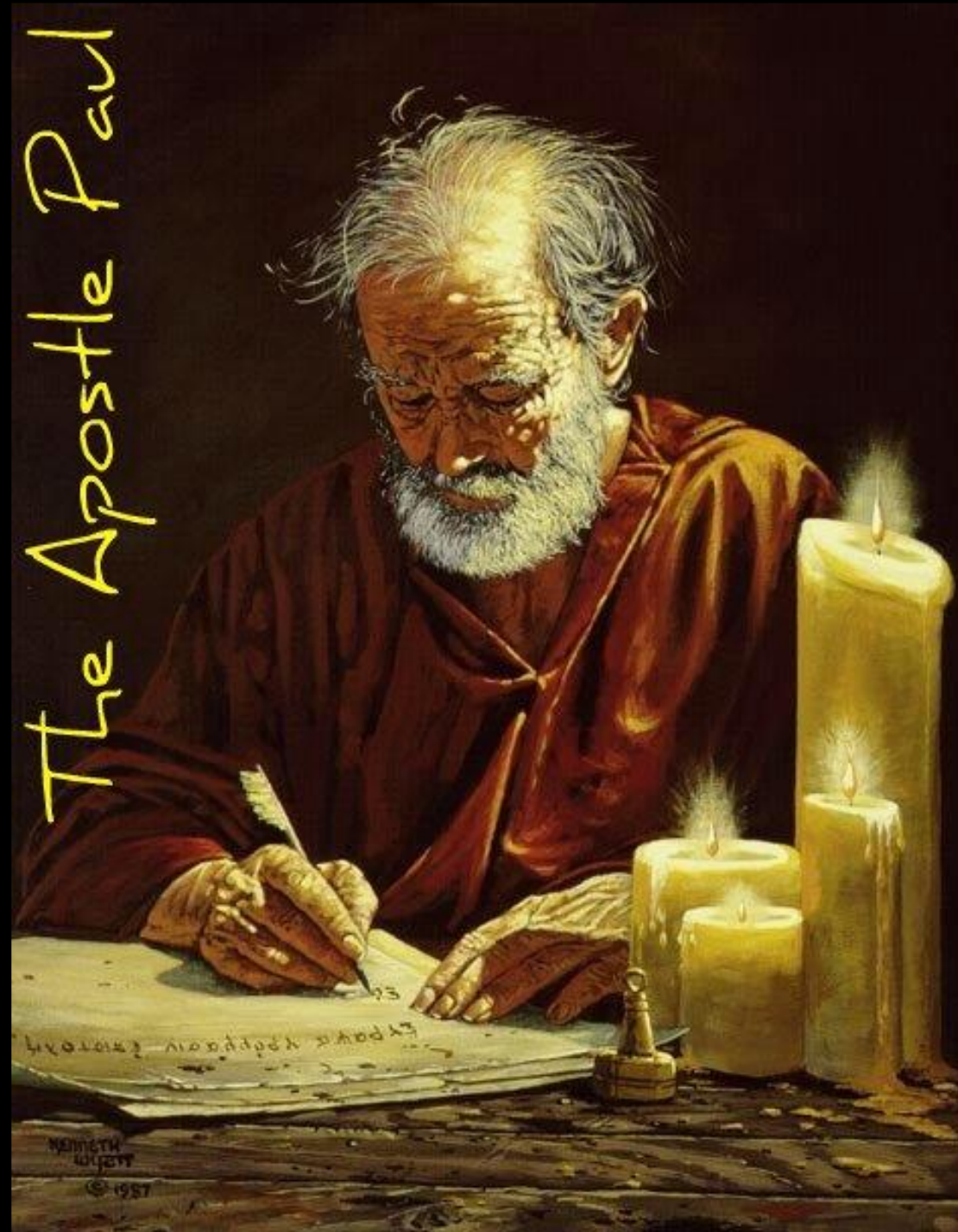
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- WALK: *peripateō* [pe-rē-pä-te'-ō] - to live; conduct
- PROPERLY: *euschēmonōs* [yü-skhā-mo'-nōs] - decently; honestly
- Combining the love for one another with work, results in a proper walk.
- People who are not yet Christians (those who are outside) will see our example and be influenced to become followers of Jesus

2. LACK NOTHING

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- LACK: *chreia* [khrā'-ä] - lack; need; necessity
- Paul completes his thought from 1 Thessalonians 3:10.
 - IF they followed his teaching and example, they would lack nothing and come to the place of genuine Christian maturity.



The Apostle Paul

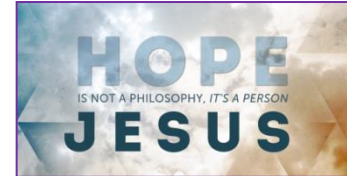
Thessalonians

"There Is Hope!"

End of Lesson



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Thessalonians: There Is Hope!

Lesson 7: Comforting Hope

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18]

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