

Living To Please God

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

What are you LIVING for?

WE MUST MAKE IT OUR GOAL IN LIFE TO PLEASE GOD!

In 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12, the Apostle Paul Reveals FOUR WAYS Christians can LIVE a life that PLEASES God...

1. LIVE A LIFE OF SUBMISSION (vv.1-2)

- Everything we do flows our Willing Surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Whatever point we "CHOOSE to REFUSE" to submit to God, **THAT'S** the point we will stop Growing & stop Maturing in Christ.
- Are we Fulfilling our responsibility to God?
- Submission is the Willful act of Yielding to achieve the Greater Good.

2. LIVE A LIFE OF PURITY (vv.3-8)

- It's God's will for His people to be Sanctified & Pure. (v.3a, 7)
- Participating in Impure Activities is **NOT** God's will. (v.3)
- Purity Depends, at least in part, on our Self-Control. (v.4-5; 1 Peter 1:13-16)
- When we live Impure lives, we Cheat Others. (v.6)
- This issue of Holiness is SERIOUS BUSINESS...

3. LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE (vv.9-10)

- Jesus said, "By This all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have LOVE for one another."
- God Expects us to show love to His people...in WORD AND in DEED!
- A part of living to Please the Lord is learning to Love Others!

4. LIVE A LIFE OF INFLUENCE (vv.11-12)

- HOW we Respond to trouble or conflict is often our Best OPPORTUNITY to have a great Christian Influence.
- We are to Take Responsibility for whatever happens in our lives and Respond in a way that Brings glory to God.
- Slackers don't Please God & certainly aren't a very Good Influence.
- Are you Pleasing God? Do you WANT TO?