

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scripture(s) for Today: 1 Thess 4:11-12 – The Christian Walk: Part 3 – *Walk in Honesty*

Today's Message:

“Walk in Honesty”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued learning about a God-honouring Christian walk. We have learned that we are to walk in holiness and in pure love; our brotherly love must increase more and more. Today, God will focus our attention on walking in **HONESTY**. To obey this command from God, you must **STUDY** to be quiet, to do your own business, and to work with your own hands. Now, it will be evident that our world is set on hindering current and future generations from walking with God in this way. Young men and women have been the prey in a wicked plan of Satan to corrupt and destroy all resemblance of God's plan for **GODLINESS** and honesty. God has a fitting Father's Day message for all of us today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

#1. Walk in Holiness – Paul beseeches them to *abstain from fornication*. (1-8)

#2. Walk in Love – Paul beseeches them to increase in *brotherly love*. (9-10)

#3. Walk in Honesty – Paul beseeches them to walk **HONESTLY. (11-12)**

EXHORTATION

- ✓ The command from God was to **STUDY** in 3 specific areas – to be, to do, and to work.
 - The word “study” is found **3** times in the King James Bible.
 - **Ecc 12:12** – ... of making many books... much study is a weariness of the flesh.
 - **2Tim 2:15** – Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman...
 - **ALL** modern versions have removed the word “study” from **2Tim 2:15**.
 - The word “studieth” is found **2** times in KJB – 1POS (**Pr 15:28**) and 1NEG (**Pr 24:2**)

W1828: “study”
A setting of the mind or thoughts upon a subject for the purpose of learning what is not before known.

STUDY TO BE QUIET

- ✓ There is overwhelming evidence in the Bible that God wants you to lead a **QUIET** life.
 - It is **GOOD** that a man *quietly waits for the salvation of the LORD*. **Lam 3:26**
 - It is **BETTER** to have *little and quietness* than strife and stuff. **Prov 17:1; Ecc 4:6**
 - It is **BEST** to lead a *quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty*. **1Tim 2:2**

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- A meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of **GREAT** price. *1Pet 3:4*
- Your strength is to sit and be **STILL** with God. *Isa 30:7,15; Ps 46:10; 131:2*
- Obeying the word of God brings safety and quiet from **FEAR** of evil. *Prov 1:33*
- It is not virtuous to be loud and stubborn. *Prov 7:11; 27:14; Gen 39:14; Mk 1:26*
- It is good to **PREACH** and **AMEN** loud! *De 27:14; 2Chr 15:14; Ezr 10:12; Isa 52:8; 58:1*
- It is good to **SING** loud a joyful noise! *Neh 12:42-43; Ps 98:4; Isa 24:14; Lk 17:15*

NOTE Study to help you live a quiet and peaceable life; preach and sing your heart out!

STUDY TO DO YOUR OWN BUSINESS

- ✓ The phrase “mind your own business” is clearly from the word of God.
 - God has given you and **EVERY** man his work. *Mk 13:34; 1Pet 4:10-11*
 - God has given you **GIFTS** by grace to bring Him glory. *Rom 12:4-8; 1Pet 4:10*
 - You are accountable to God for the talents received. *Lk 12:42-48; Rom 14:12*
 - God does not speak favorably of **busybodies**. *2Ths 3:11-12; 1Tim 5:13; 1Pet 4:15*
 - Do not **MEDDLE!** *Deut 2:5; 2Ki 14:10; Pr 17:14; 20:3,19; 24:21; 26:17*

W1828: “meddle”
To act in the concerns or affairs of others when not necessary, often with the sense of intrusion.

NOTE It seems evident that we know about this command; study and learn to do it well!

STUDY TO WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS

- ✓ There is an assault on **YOUNG** people in our world to keep them from this truth.
 - It is good to work **HARD**. *Rom 12:11; 1Cor 4:12; Eph 4:28; 1Ths 2:9; Titus 3:14*
 - *Honest work* allows you to **PROVIDE** for you and your family. *1Tim5:8; 2Ths3:7-12*
 - *Honest work* allows you to bless **OTHERS** and God. *Acts 20:35; 1Cor16:2; 2Cor 9:7*
 - *Honest work* is working “**heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.**” *Col 3:23*

W1828: “heartily”
With all the heart; with sincerity; really. With zeal; actively; vigorously; eagerly.

NOTE A father has an important role in leading by example! We can all learn from God.



THAT YE MAY WALK HONESTLY TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT *2Cor 3:2*

- ✓ The lost world needs to **SEE** you live *the word of God* – righteous, godly, and honest!



THAT YE MAY HAVE LACK OF NOTHING *Lk 12:30; Php 4:19; 2Cor 11:7-9*

- ✓ Your God has promised you that when you do your part, He will **ALWAYS** do His part!

B. The Application (How will you apply this truth to your life?)

1. The Christian is to **walk HONESTLY** for the world to see you are not like them.

QUESTION Do you walk honestly before your family? Friends? Co-workers? Neighbors?

2. The Christian who **walks honestly** will have everything needful **SUPPLIED**.

QUESTION Are you walking honestly before God? Do you sin to meet your needs? Why?

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