

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 7, 2023

Live in Holiness and Honor

1 Thess. 4:3-8
Romans 13:9-10

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

AJ Rinaldi

Overdrive Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Outstanding Series

Life Change: Y'all learn to drive a car or truck with a manual transmission. The three-pedal kind—not those newfangled paddle shifters. That don't count.

Shifting

Love Each Other Like Crazy

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John 13:34-36

Strive to Please God More

1 Thess. 4:1-2
2 Tim. 2:21-23

Live a Productive, Respectable Life

1 Thess. 4:11-12
Romans 12:17-19



OUT

STANDING

A STUDY OF THESSALONIANS

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



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1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Additionally then, brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received instruction from us on how you should live and please God—as you are doing—do this even more. ² For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

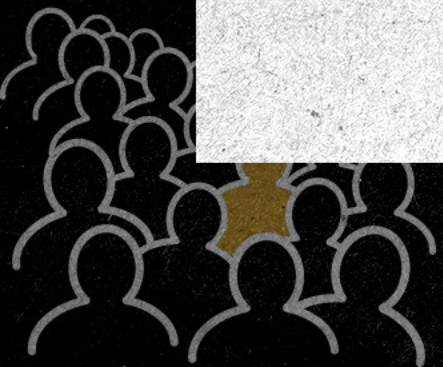
³ For this is God's will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality, ⁴ that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not with lustful passions, like the Gentiles, who don't know God.

All scripture CSB unless otherwise noted.



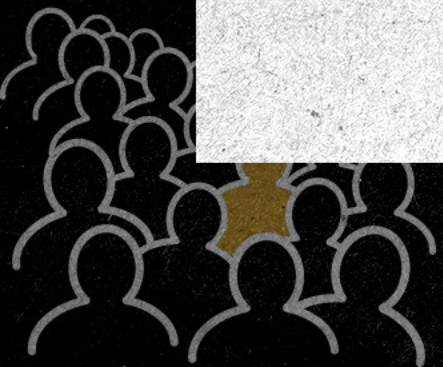
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⁶ This means one must not transgress against and take advantage of a brother or sister in this manner, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, as we also previously told and warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness. ⁸ Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.



1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

⁹ About brotherly love: You don't need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. ¹⁰ In fact, you are doing this toward all the brothers and sisters in the entire region of Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do this even more, ¹¹ to seek to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, ¹² so that you may behave properly in the presence of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone.



OVER DRIVE

Sanctification



"Just what does it mean to be sanctified? Suppose one were living in the time of Christ and wanted to make a gift to the temple. He would bring his gift of gold coins and lay them on the altar. What happened to those gold coins? The moment they were given to God they became sanctified. They were set apart for holy use. The sanctification did not change the character of the gold coins, but it did change their use and the purpose for which they were directed. So, every true Christian has been set apart as holy to God, even though he falls short of perfection."

Walvoord, John F.

The Thessalonian Epistles. Study Guide series.

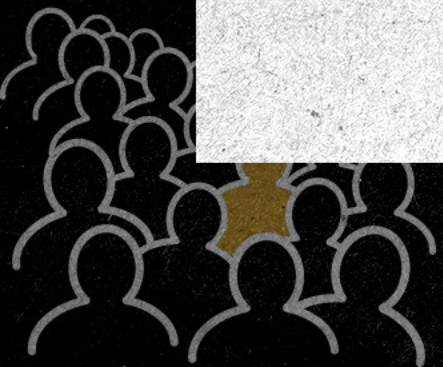


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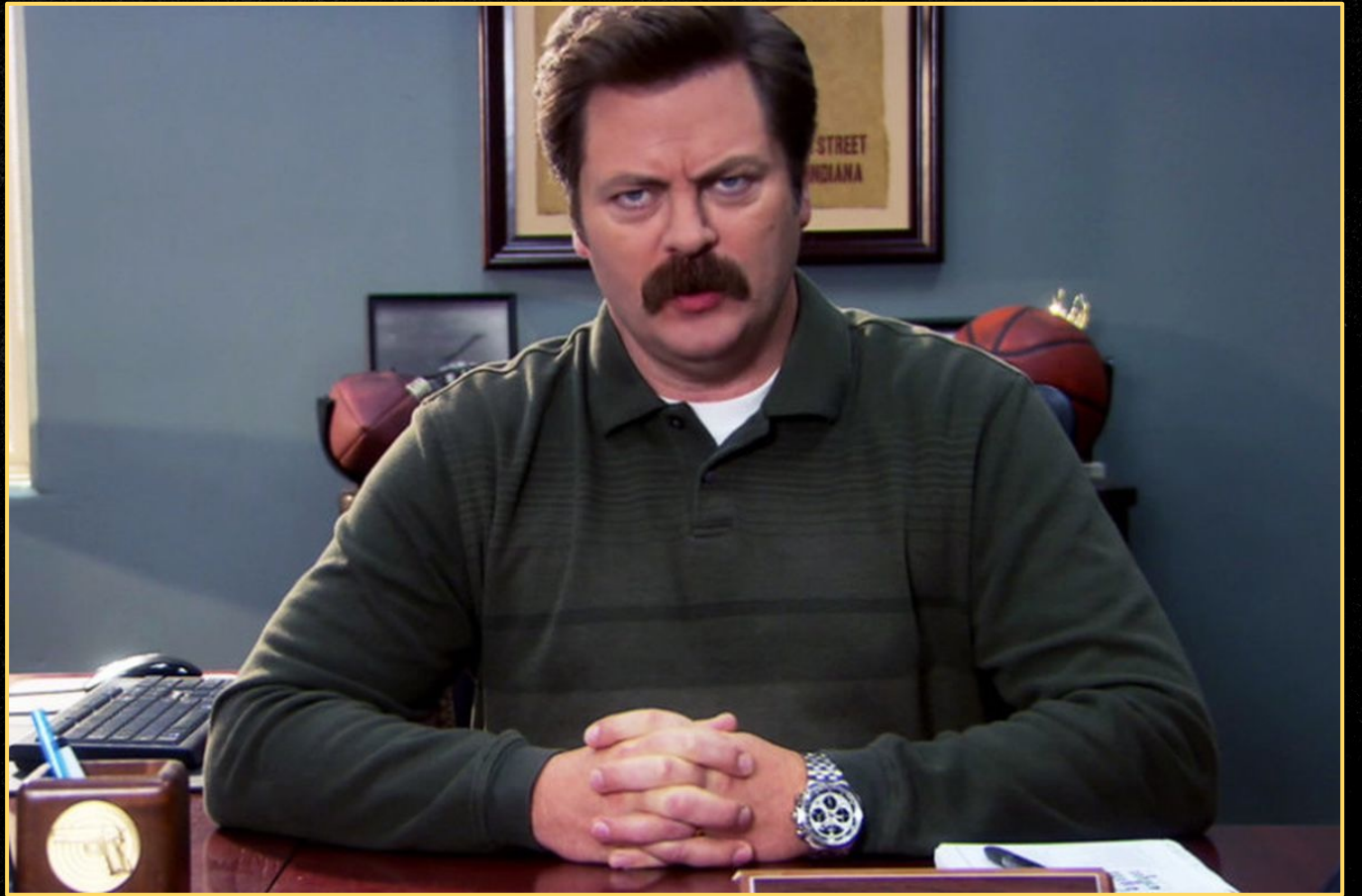


1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 (NLT)

4 Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to **live in a way that pleases God**, as we have taught you. **You live this way already**, and we encourage you to **do so even more**.² For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

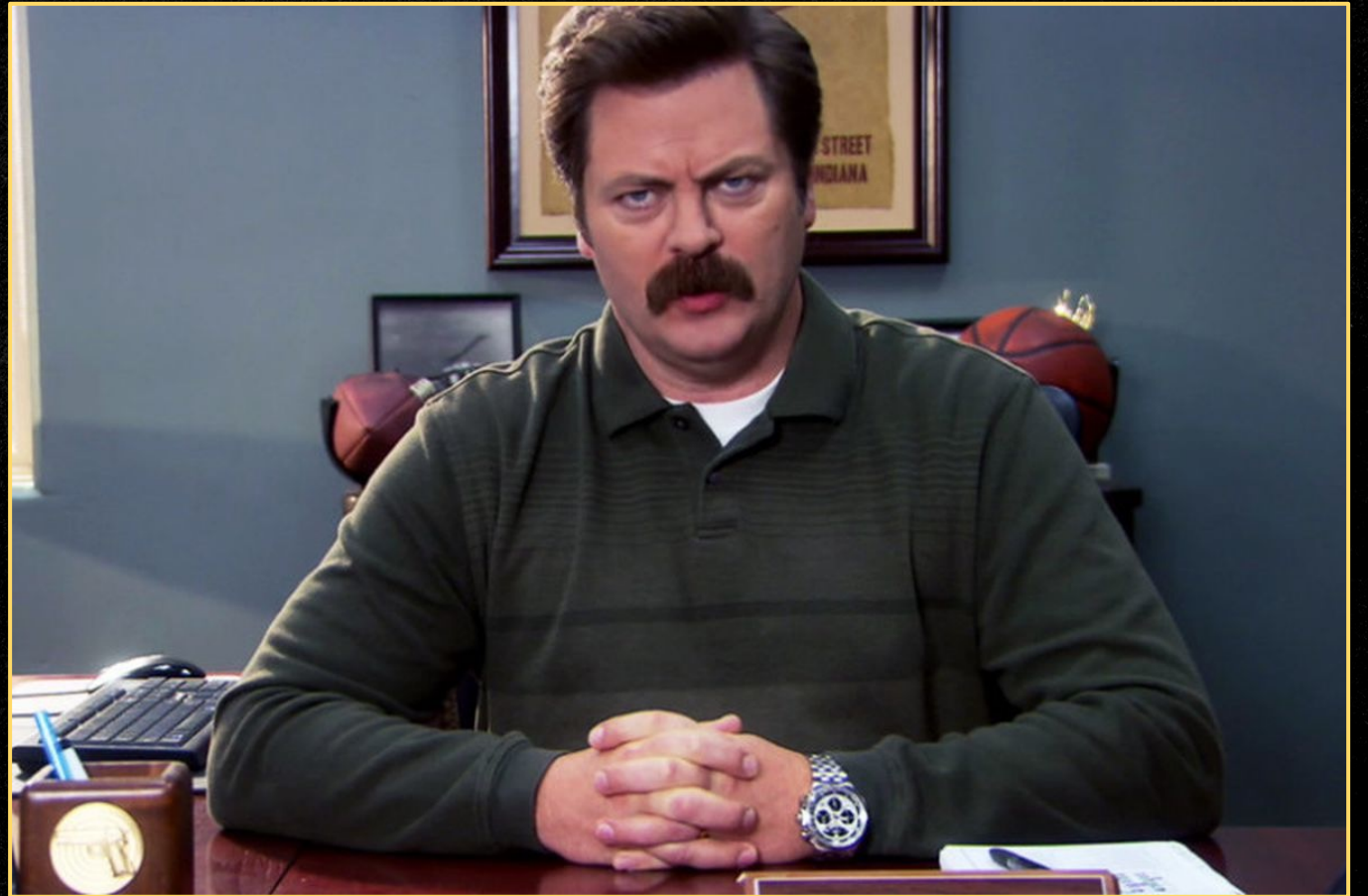


**“A.J. this report is excellent.
In fact, you’re doing excellent work...”**



“A.J. this report is excellent.
In fact, you’re doing excellent work...

It’s not good enough.”



"When a man is saved by the work of Christ for him it does not lie open before him as a matter for his completely free decision whether he will serve God or not...Christian service is not an optional extra for those who like that kind of thing. It is a compelling obligation which lies upon each one of the redeemed."

Leon Morris,

The First and Second Epistles to the Thessalonians.

New International Commentary on the New Testament series.



Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

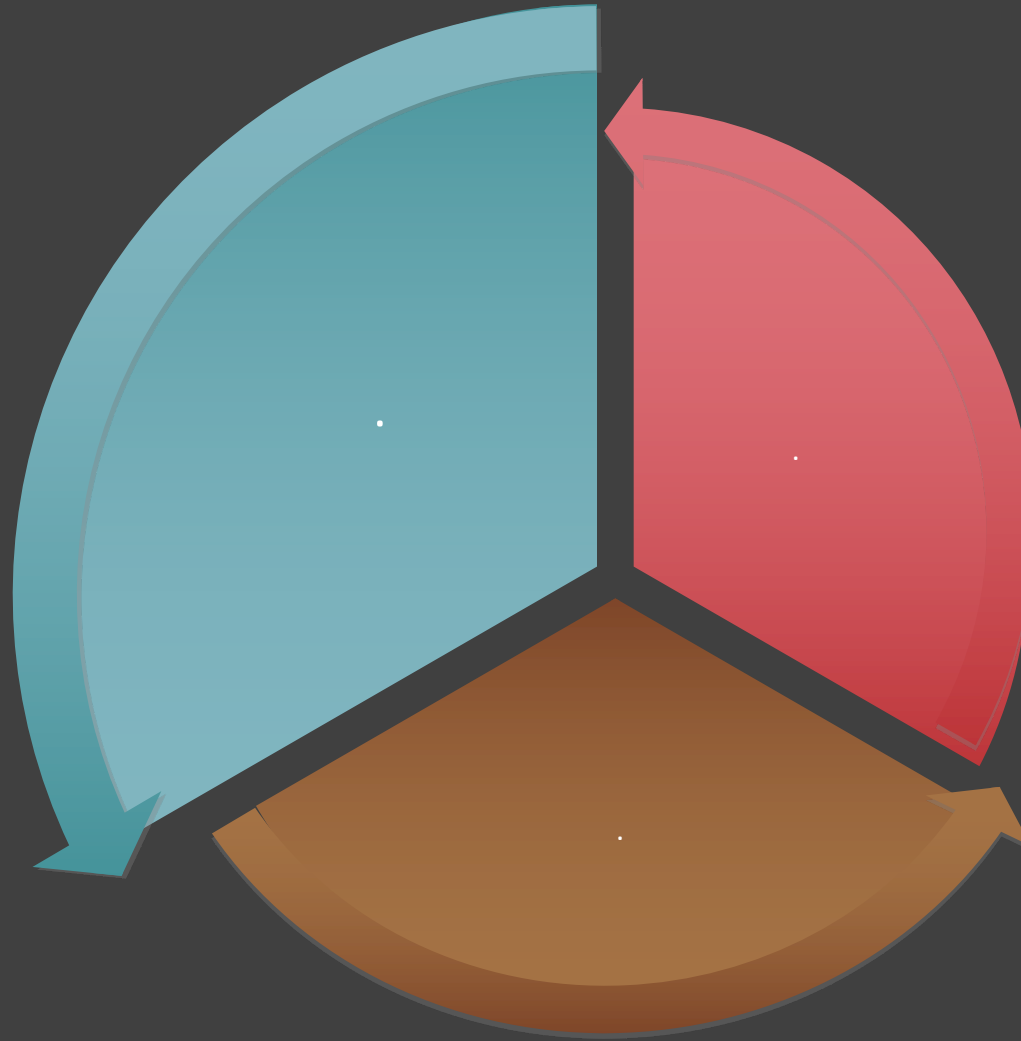


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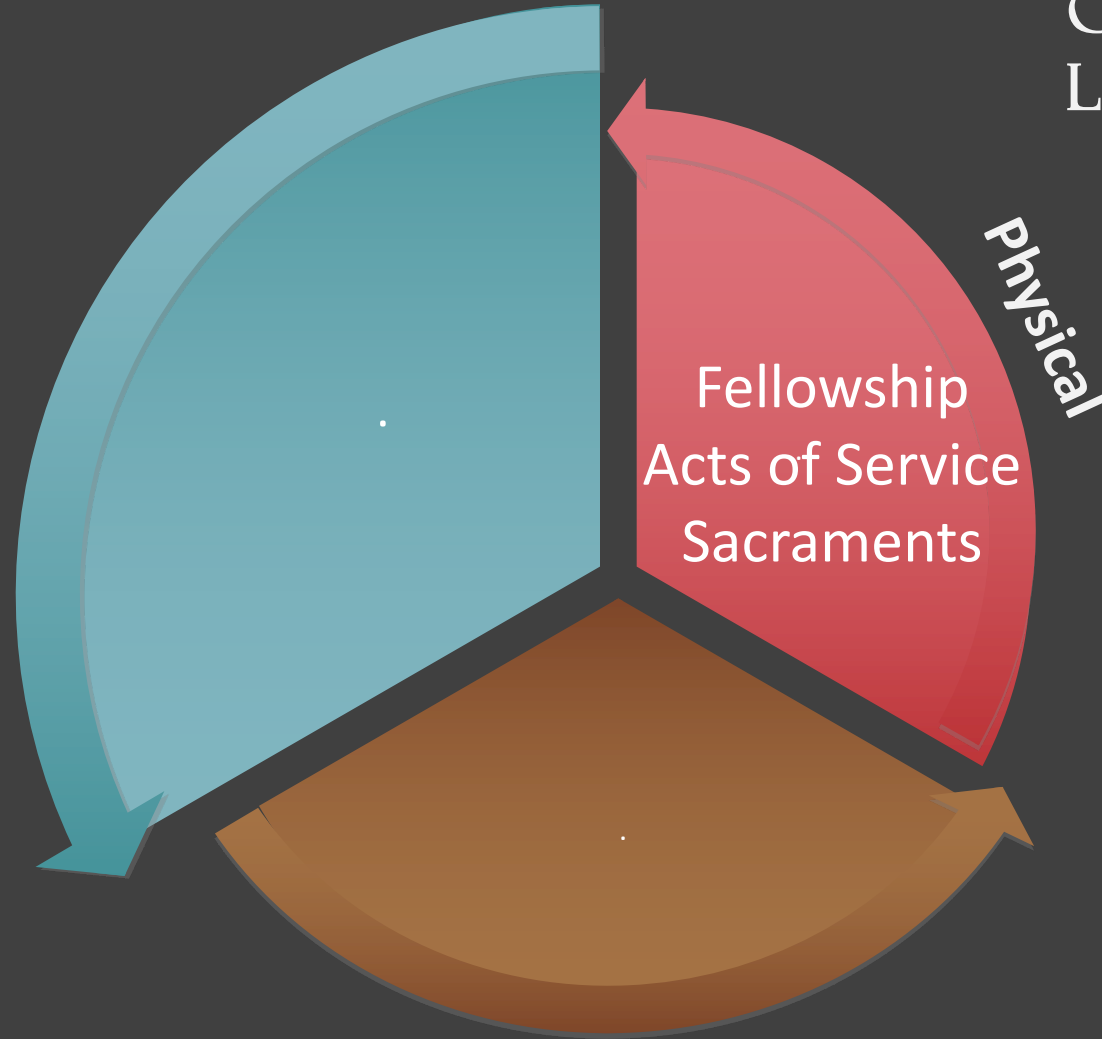
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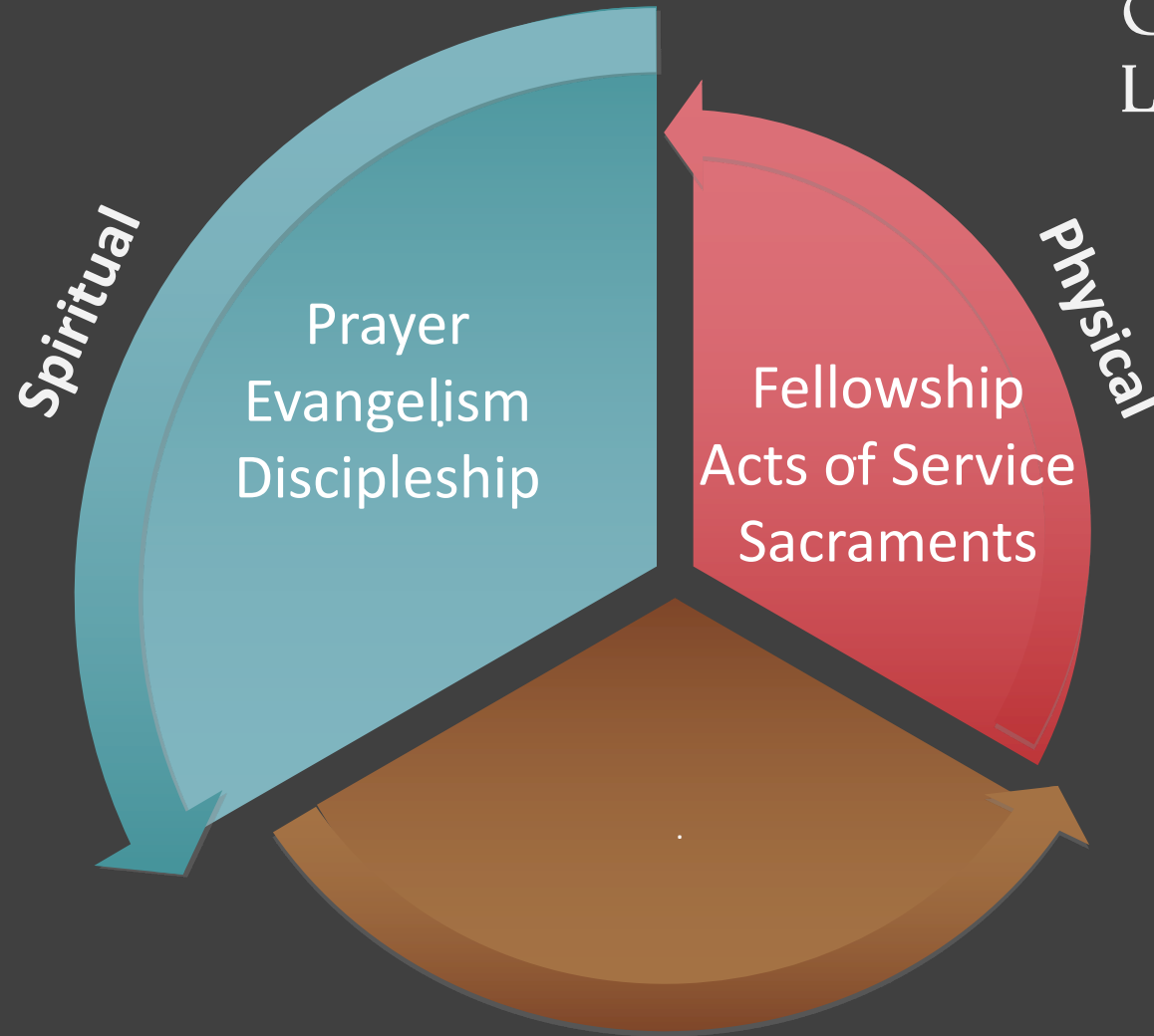
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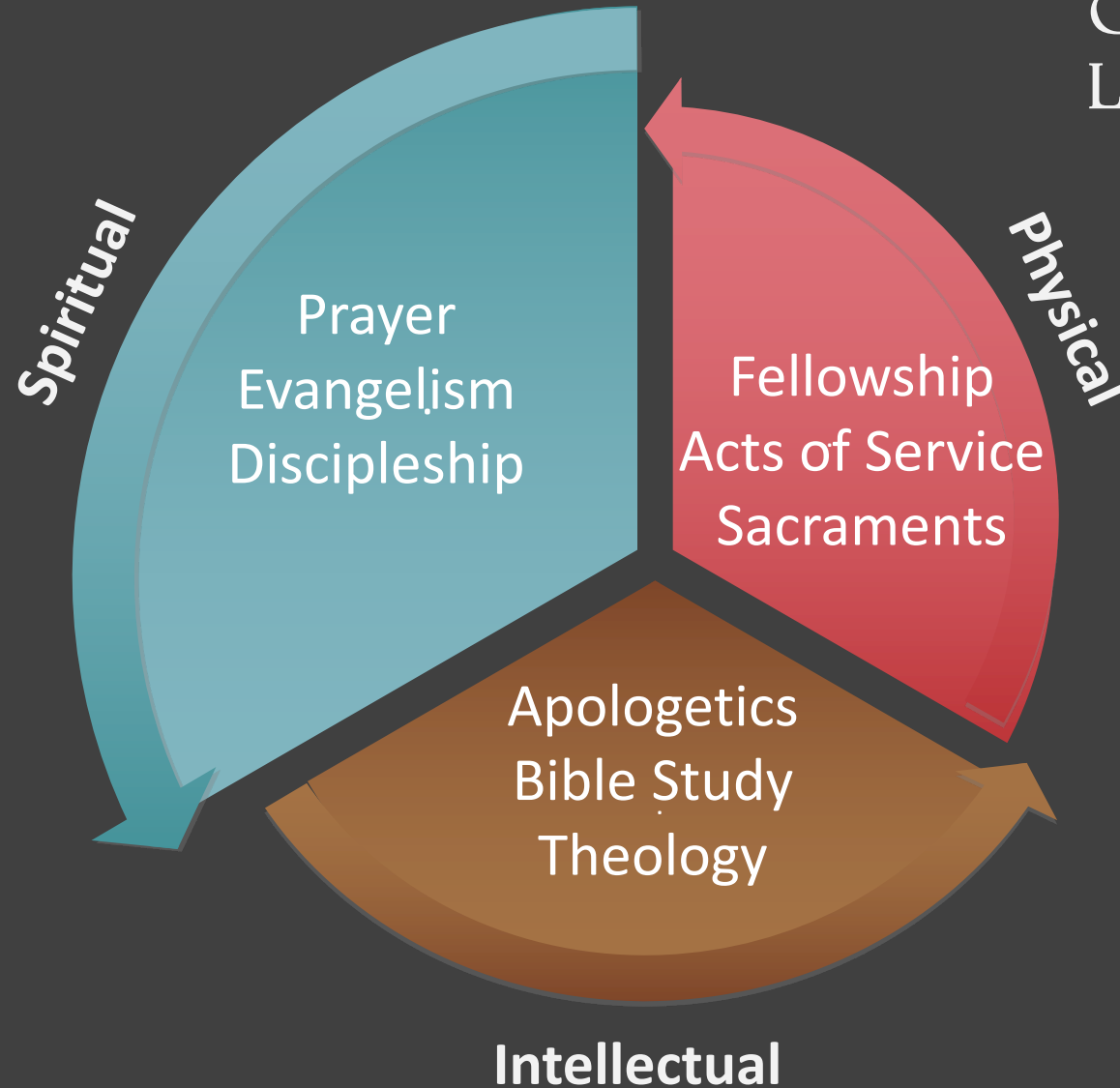
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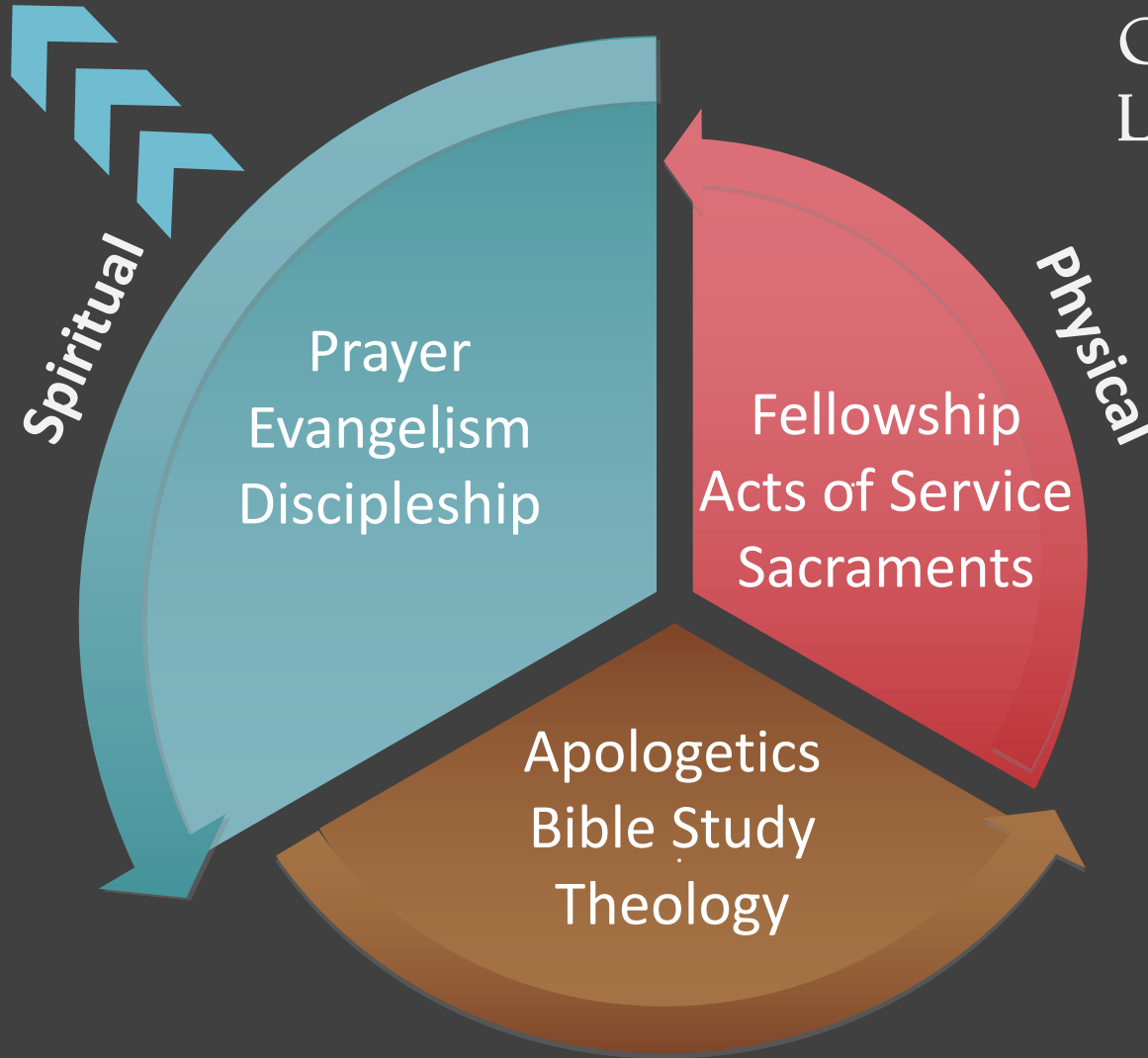
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Sanctification

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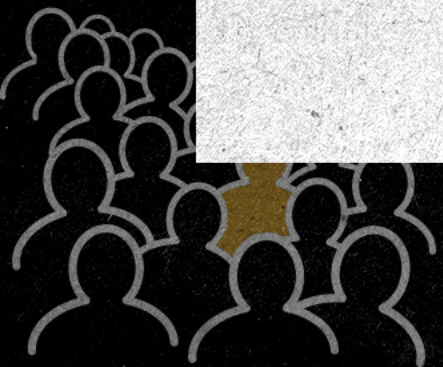
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2 Timothy 2:21-22

²¹ So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special **instrument**, set apart, **useful** to the Master, **prepared** for every good **work**.

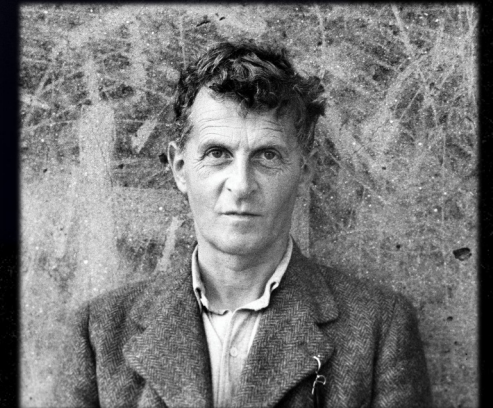
²² **Flee** from youthful passions, and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.



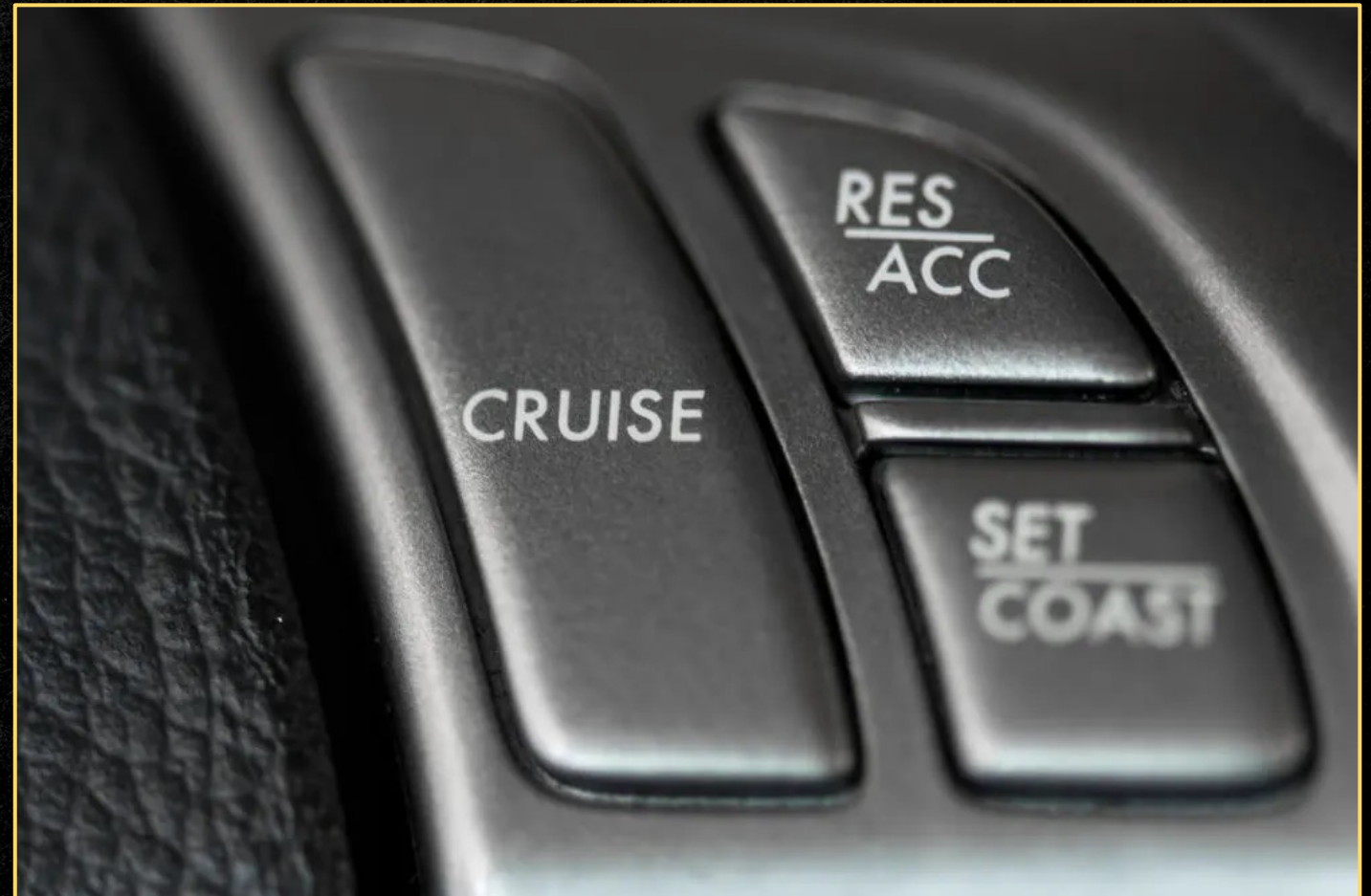
Resting on your laurels is
as dangerous as resting when
you are walking in the
snow. You doze off and
die in your sleep.

Mocak

Ludwig Wittgenstein



Do nothing to achieve further success.



Live in Holiness and
Honor



1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NLT)

³ God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. ⁴ Then each of you will **control his own body** and **live in holiness and honor**— ⁵ not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. ⁶ **Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife**, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. ⁷ God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.



“The serious and even threatening tone of vv. 6-8 suggests very strongly that Paul was dealing with a problem that had actually emerged in the community at Thessalonica and that he viewed with considerable concern.”

Wanamaker, Charles A.

The Epistles to the Thessalonians.

New International Greek Testament Commentary series.



“Pagan religion did not demand sexual purity of its devotees, the gods and goddesses being grossly immoral. Priestesses were in the temples for the service of the men who came.”

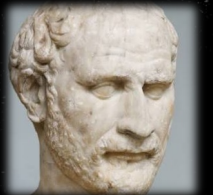
Robertson, Archibald Thomas,
Word Pictures in the New Testament.



"Long ago Demosthenes* had written: 'We keep prostitutes for pleasure; we keep mistresses for the day to day needs of the body; we keep wives for the begetting of children and for the faithful guardianship of our homes.' So long as a man supported his wife and family there was no shame whatsoever in extra-marital relationships."

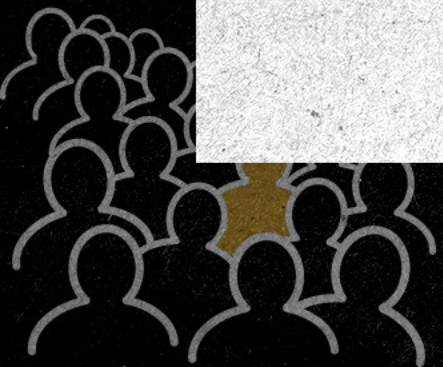
Barclay, William,
The Letters to the Philippians, Colossians and Thessalonians.
The Daily Study Bible series.

*Demosthenes was a Greek statesman and orator in ancient Athens. His orations provide insight into the politics and culture of ancient Greece during the 4th century BC



Leviticus 20:10

¹⁰ “If a man commits adultery with a married woman—if he commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife—both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.



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Bruce, F. F.

1 and 2 Thessalonians.

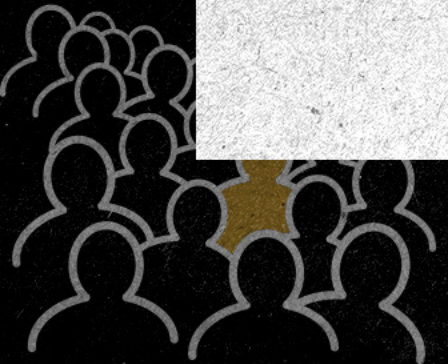
Word Biblical Commentary series.



Matthew 5:27-28

27 “You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery.

28 But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



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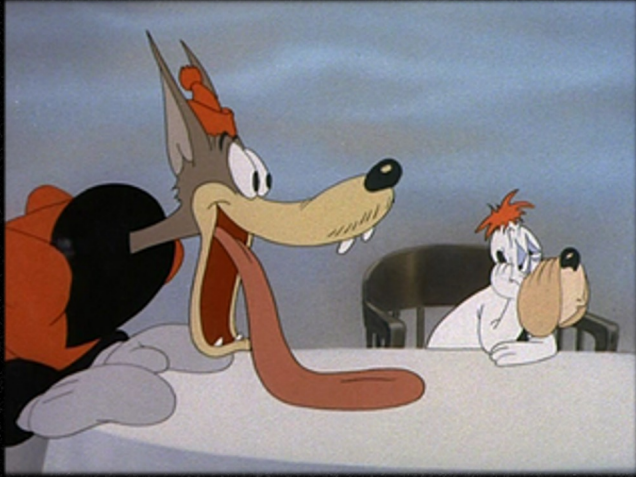
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It’s my good friend Doug Searle



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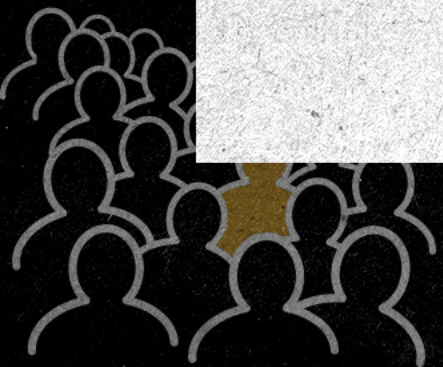
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Romans 13:9-10

⁹ The commandments, Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up by this commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself.

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law.

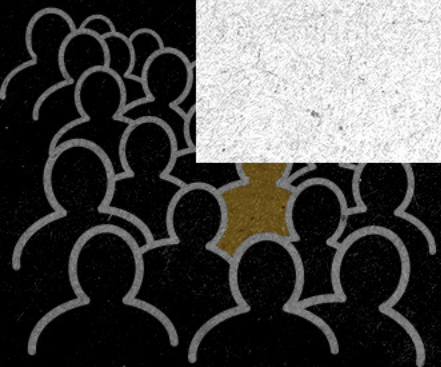


Love Each Other
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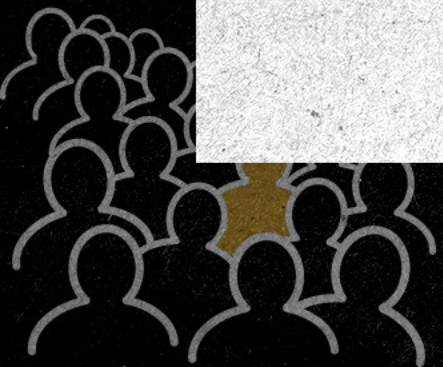
1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ But we don't need to write to you about **the importance of loving each other**, for God himself has taught you to love one another. ¹⁰ Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them **even more.**



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John 13:34-36

³⁴ “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”





GOD
IS
LOVE



"Agape love is selfless love...the love God wants us to have isn't just an emotion but a conscious act of the will--a deliberate decision on our part to put others ahead of ourselves. This is the kind of love God has for us."

Billy Graham



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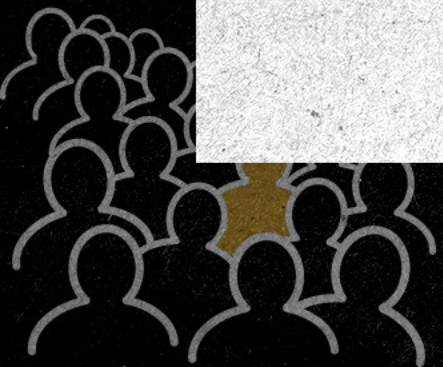


Live a Productive,
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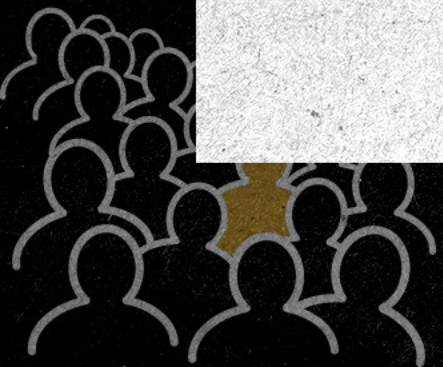
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¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. ¹² Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.



Romans 12:17-19

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. ¹⁸ If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord.



“Three aspects of behavior demonstrate love for others:

First, a person who leads a restful quiet life, rather than a restless frantic one, avoids disturbing the lives of others. He himself or she herself also enjoys life more.

Second, a person who tends to his or her own affairs does not meddle in the business of others.

Third, a person who works to provide for his or her own needs, and the needs of his or her family, does not put a burden on others to support them. Greek culture degraded manual labor, but Christianity, as well as Judaism, viewed it as an honorable pursuit.



'... it was not Paul's intent that the church disrupt society or overthrow governments. Rather, he encouraged Christians to be good citizens and exemplary members of their families and of their society but to do so in a manner consistent with the teachings of Christ. Only in this sense was the Pauline gospel intended to change society. It set out to change the individuals who made up society while awaiting that climactic event when the power of God would truly change the world forever.'



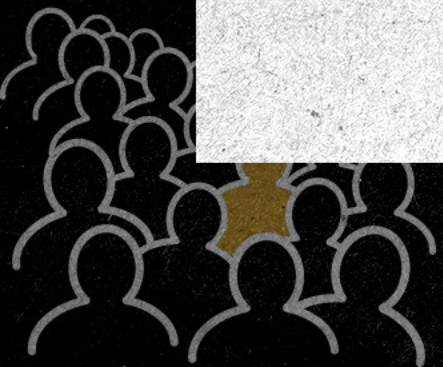
Such behavior not only results in the Christian meeting his or her own needs, but it meets with the approval and admiration of non-believers who observe him or her.”

Dr. Thomas Constable,
Notes on 1 Thessalonians
soniclight.org



Philippians 2:12-15

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³ For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose. ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling and arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world, ...



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