

Evidence of a Healthy Church: A Faith That Walks (1Thess4:9-12)

1. Love One Another - How do we EXCEL still more in loving one another?

A. You are "God-taught" to _____ one another (vs.9)

1. Love; Gk. phileo, philadelphia – brotherly love among Christians
2. God-taught – the Holy Spirit and His Word teaches us to love each other
*Rom5:5; 1Jn2:9-10; 1Jn3:10,14-15; 1Jn4:7-8,18-21

B. Practical true Christian love – _____ not just words or emotions; 1Jn3:18

1. Not taking advantage of one _____ – 1Thess4:4-6 (last 2 weeks)
2. Jesus: resolving _____, reconciliation – Matt18:15-20; Matt5:23-24; 2Tim3:1-3
3. Paul: 1Thess1:6 – they _____ Paul's life *(he said he taught same things in all churches)
*Paul taught church discipline is love – 1Cor5:5-7,9-13; 2Thess3:14,15; Heb12:5-6
*faithful are the wounds of a _____, deceitful the kisses of an enemy – Prov
*And, not to cause a brother to _____ – 1Cor8:9-13
4. Paul's example to them – real love cares for and imparts own life to one another; 1Thess2:7-8
*care for each other when in need, as a nursing mother for her children
*impart our lives – do life together, spend time together in worship, work and fun
5. More practical love – 1Thess5:12-22, (turn and read) *consider these things!

2. Be a Hard Worker – God expects us to be hard workers, not distracted w/ the world; Prov12:11; Luke19:13

A. Lead a _____ life – make it your ambition (eagerly strive) to lead a quiet life

1. simply means a calm, peaceful, tranquil life
2. when society and the world are in chaos and distress, we are not, for we know the end

B. Attend/_____ your own business – don't be a busy-body, nor a gossip caught up in everyone else's business – mind your own business and focus on God's call on your life for His mission!

*busy-bodies and gossips are not loving people and not loving God, but self!

C. Work with your hands/_____ : Eph4:28; 2Thess3:10-11; Col3:23-24; Prov6:6-11

*Why is this important?

1. Proverbs tells us over and over, _____ is one who is lazy, not trustworthy
2. God says He will _____ for the lazy, sluggard; but _____ the diligent!
3. God's word speaks of the _____ working hard, being faithful, trustworthy stewards, dependable, especially when no one is watching – this is a direct reflection on God Himself and His character

*Why is important to love one another in action and truth, not just words; AND to be a hard-worker, who leads a quiet life, minds his/her own business and works hard??? *look at 1Thess4:12...