

Review:

Chapter 4

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 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;

A) As Christians our aim is to please God. This must first begin with Faith.

We must believe that He IS and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



B) We please God by having faith, then setting our minds on the things of God.

Romans 8:5-8 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit,

the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (8) So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

(2) for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The verse indicates how we ought to walk and to please God and know the commandments given to follow. We have these today by the scriptures.

1 Timothy 4:13-16 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. (14) Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

(15) Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

(16) Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Further,

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



(3) For this is the will of God, your sanctification:

A) This has ALWAYS been the will of God for Christians. Sanctification. Being set apart from the world. These days unfortunately you cannot tell the difference. There are those who claim themselves to be Christian and look like the world.

Sanctification means being set apart.

John 15:18-20 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. (19) If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

(20) Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Also,

John 17:13-19 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. (14) I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (15) I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

(16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

(17) Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

(18) As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. (19) And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

In conclusion,

- A) We are to aim to please God.
- B) We know how we should walk.
- C) We are called to following the teachings of Christ.
- D) We are called to be sanctified.