



More and More!

1 Thess. 4:9-12

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so **more and more**.² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.³ For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**: that you **abstain from sexual immorality**;⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

What did you take away from last week?

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

“More and More...”

- **v1 Walking in Righteousness**
- **v1 Pleasing God**
- **v3 Sanctification**
- **v4 Self-Control**
- **v7 Holiness**
- **v8 Power of the Holy Spirit**





1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

“Exhortation to avoid sexual immorality.”

according to Dr. Thomas Constable

Make “more and more” sense?



“But wait...!”

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Now concerning **brotherly love**, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been **taught by God to love** one another, ¹⁰ for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers **throughout Macedonia**. But we urge you, brothers, to do this **MORE** **AND MORE**, ¹¹ and to **aspire** to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² **so that** you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

“More and More...”

- **v9 Brotherly Love**
- **v10 Widespread**
- **v11 Aspirations**
- **v12 Reasons**



V9+10 More and More Brotherly Love

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V9+10 More and More Brotherly Love

- v9 brotherly love = philadelphia = cherish

Can you give us an example of something you cherish?

- taught by God to love = agape **How?**

= impressed upon by the H.S., experienced

- one another = reciprocal, mutually...

equally?



V9+10 More and More Widespread

v10 throughout Macedonia = "extended land"



do this more and more... **Means what?**

= abundantly, excel (2 Cor. 8:1-5)



v11 More and More Aspirations



and to **aspire to live quietly**, and to **mind your own affairs**,
and to **work with your hands**, as we instructed you,

v11 More and More Aspirations

Aspire = aim for, strive, work at

Aspire to what?

1. Live quietly = restful, calm, undisturbed, peaceful
2. Mind your own affairs = attend to, focus on “your own beeswax!” (2 Thess. 3:11+12, 1 Tim. 2:2, Prov. 25:17)
3. Work with your hands = earn a living (Eph. 4:28, Col. 3:17)

All adds up to what? Summarize in your own words.

Godly Behavior = right walking, pleasing God, sanctification, holiness... “as we instructed you”

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v12 More and More Reasons

So that you may **walk properly before outsiders**
and be **dependent on no one.**



V12 More and More Reasons

- Walk properly = behave, conduct oneself

“Do the Next Right Thing!”

- Before outsiders = toward these others. **Who?**
- Dependent on no one = not be “needy,” no need for guidance, not having to have your hand held. **Why?**

To be the right kind of witness, to effectively share the gospel.





1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

“Exhortation to brotherly love.”

Dr. Thomas Constable

Make “more and more” sense?



Applications?

- **Who are my “outsiders?”**
- **In what ways does God want me to act differently towards them?**
- **What does “walking properly” mean to me?**
- **What are my aspirations?**
- **How can I better express brotherly love?**



Summary

What does God want more and more of?

Each of us! You and Me!

Eventually, one way or another, He is going to get all of us.

Which version of you do you want Him to end up with?





Jude 24+25

- The only way to fail is to stop trying!
- Keep up the good fight!
- Never give up!

Thank You for letting me share!

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