



LESSON FIVE: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12

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Three ways that growing faith becomes visible:

1. A _____ life (verses 1-8).
2. A _____ life (verses 9-10).
3. A _____ life (verses 11-12).

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

¹ 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.

The question: Does this _____ God?

Philippians 2:3-5

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Galatians 1:10

¹⁰ If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

Paul never wanted to become _____.

See Philippians 3:12-14, Philippians 1:6

Is there an area of your life where you feel like you've gotten lazy or are coasting with God? Time in the Word or prayer? Is there a step you need to take but have been putting it off? Is there something you need to leave behind so that you can move forward?

As you consider these questions, allow God to speak to you and jot down any thoughts in the space below:

A HOLY LIFE

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

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.

To be holy = to be _____ for _____.

Holiness is both _____ and _____.

1 Peter 1:15-16

¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Another aspect of holiness is _____.

1 Samuel 2:2 - "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

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1 Corinthians 6:18-20

¹⁸ Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. ¹⁹ Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

"Sexual immorality" in Greek = PORNEIA

This is a _____ term.

God's plan for sex is between a husband and wife in the covenantal bond of marriage.

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

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A LOVING LIFE

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

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.

One of the clearest marks of true faith is _____.

1 John 4:7-8

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

What are some practical things we can do to grow in our love for others?

A RESPONSIBLE LIFE

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

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.

Three Characteristics of a Responsible Life

1. Minding your own _____.

2 Thessalonians 3:11

¹¹ Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business.

2. Working with your _____.
3. Not needing to _____ on others.

Galatians 6:5 – “for each one should carry their own load.”