

God's Blueprint for Faith Baptist Church

Part 2 – Your Job Description

1 **Thessalonians 3:1** Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain.

- **The relationship between pastor and people is very symbiotic.**
 - The people need someone to live a life of Christ in love for the Lord and them.
 - They need someone to lead them to and in Scripture and to help them learn how to yield to the Holy Spirit.
- **The Pastor needs people that are doing those things.**
 - Paul shares how he was very concerned about the church's walk
 - yet he couldn't gauge it so God used Timothy to help Paul know that his pouring himself into the church had a great spiritual effect.
 - It has been good that, the days I have been gone to hear Danny Mendez tell me how he felt the spirit of God at Faith.

- He has praised this church, and I don't take that lightly!
- As chapter 3 goes on, it is just that, Timothy's report back to Paul about how the church is truly trying!
- **So, as we go forward here in the beginnings of chapter 4...**
 - Know that I have been praising God for what this church is doing for Him!
 - We have more people striving to accomplish things for the Gospel's sake and the love of the Lord than ever before in my time as pastor!
 - We have more people fulfilling roles here than ever in my time as pastor
 - I am excited to watch God work in my life and yours as we continue to go forward
 - But let's do so with this understanding...
 - We can all strive to do better, so, let's talk about our job descriptions!

A Life Pleasing to God

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2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

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- Paul begs and pleads for each individual to do one thing well. Walk with God...why?
 - To please God
 - That we would have a productive life for God
 - Ignorance is not an excuse

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- **If a job is to be done properly by a diverse group of individuals then each individual must be dedicated to performing their role properly.**

- God has a Handbook for those individuals to know how best to fulfill the role God has for them in building His church.

- Each individual must...

- Live the gospel as the grace of Christ sanctifies you

- This means you cannot fulfill all your desires

- You must strive to stay clean in your relationship with Christ

- You must strive to stay sexually pure

- You must not give in to baser desires

- You must flee those thoughts that would cause you to betray Christ

- You must flee those thoughts that would cause you to betray your fellow laborers

- God knows your heart and He watches out for His children

- **This is not new information**

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

- **Holiness is not something you strive to have**

- Holiness is found in living the gospel
- Holiness is Christ's sanctification in the life of a yielded servant
- Holiness is other's seeing Christ instead of you/me

- So we don't make ourselves holy

- The Bible says in **Leviticus 20:7** Sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.
- Then Peter in the New Testament quotes this as he explains it under grace

- **1Peter 1:15** But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

- **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

- **Under the law, God's children had to sanctify themselves**

- **Under Grace, we are sanctified by the Works of Christ**

- So, because He is holy, when we live in Him, we are made holy IN Him

- Uncleanness is simply our living outside of Christ...

- This is more than a "sin" thing

- This is about our being better each day

- You may be doing the work to live the gospel, but it is in that work you will find how much better Christ is

- So, in striving to be more Christ like...

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- **Do you have hate in your heart for ANYONE?**

- You are now hating God...
- Isn't everyone made in His likeness and image?
- You might say, "well, you just don't know what they have done"
- God says, "I gave you my Spirit so you can love like I do"
- God's Law is that we love Him and others, right?
- Hatred is best defined as "less than love"

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- **This is about more than just loving those you want to...**

- It is good to love your family
- It is good to love your church family
- It is Better to go outside those circles
- It is Best to love those Christ loves
- Now is where we really start to see this Job Description we have
 - Study to be quiet
 - This means, you don't always have to show what you know

- Don't be so quick to correct someone not doing the job like you do
- Do your own job
 - Live for Christ in your life hoping others will see how Good a Job you're doing
- Work with your own hands
 - Don't expect someone else to make your walk with Christ better
 - Walk YOUR Walk IN Christ
- This is your Job Supervisor giving you the best instructions from the Blueprint that I can
 - If you want the right remuneration, you might listen
 - If you want to hear "well done faithful servant", you might want to listen