



## WEEK 4 | LIVING TO PLEASE GOD | 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-18

### *Inspection: What Does It Say?*

According to verse 6, who is the avenger of all sin?

What has God called us to do in verse 7?

In what three areas should we be ambitious as seen in verse 11?

Read verse 12. For what two reasons should we be quiet and work?

According to verse 16, what three sounds will everyone hear at the Lord's return?

### *Observation: What Does It Mean?*

How does verse 8 instruct us on how to treat Scripture?

What part of showing brotherly love do you find most difficult?

Read verse 11. When do we cross over the line of minding our own business to being a busy body?

How should the Lord's return change your approach to life?

What are the encouraging words spoken about in verse 18?

### *Life Application: What Does It Mean For Me?*

Make a list of your top 10 people you struggle to love and pray for help daily.

Consider how sexual immorality impacts your life and place safeguards to stay holy.

Expand your love of others through words or actions.

Write out (or recite) from memory 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

Do a study of the word "sanctification" in both the Old and New Testaments.

### *Meditation: What Does God Say?*

1 Samuel 2:2

Psalms 99:9

Revelation 4:8

Leviticus 19:1-2

Matthew 5:48

2 Corinthians 7:1

Ephesians 4:1

2 Timothy 1:9

## *Supplication: What Can We Meditate?*

### **What is True, Practical Holiness?**

Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God's judgment—hating what He hates—loving what He loves—and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word....

A holy man will endeavor to shun every known sin, and to keep every known commandment. He will have a decided bent of mind toward God, a hearty desire to do His will—a greater fear of displeasing Him than of displeasing the world, and a love to all His ways.

A holy man will strive to be like our Lord Jesus Christ. He will not only live the life of faith in Him, and draw from Him all his daily peace and strength, but he will also labor to have the mind that was in Him, and to be “conformed to His image....

A holy man will follow after meekness, longsuffering, gentleness, patience, kind tempers, government of his tongue. He will bear much, forbear much, overlook much, and be slow to talk of standing on his rights....

A holy man will follow after temperance and self-denial. He will labor to mortify the desires of his body—to crucify his flesh with his affections and lusts—to curb his passions—lest at any time they break loose....

A holy man will follow after charity and brotherly kindness. He will endeavor to observe the golden rule of doing as he would have men do to him, and speaking as he would have men speak to him...He will abhor all lying, slandering, backbiting, cheating, dishonesty, and unfair dealing, even in the least things....

A holy man will follow after a spirit of mercy and benevolence towards others. He will not stand all the day idle. He will not be content with doing no harm—he will try to do good. He will strive to be useful in his day and generation....

A holy man will follow after purity of heart. He will dread all filthiness and uncleanness of spirit, and seek to avoid all things that might draw him into it. He knows his own heart is like tinder, and will diligently keep clear of the sparks of temptation....

A holy man will follow after humility. He will desire, in lowliness of mind, to esteem all others better than himself. He will see more evil in his own heart than in any other in the world....

A holy man will follow after faithfulness in all the duties and relations in life. He will try, not merely to fill his place as well as others who take no thought for their souls, but even better, because he has higher motives, and more help than they....

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