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**Scripture**:1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

**Practical Christianity**

**Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

9 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.

**English Standard Version**

*A God pleasing life requires you to…*

**Point #1: Keep** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (**vs.9-10**)

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***Point #2: Strive****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_\_\_\_!* ***(v.11)***

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***Point #3 Be*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!* ***(v. 12)***

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and John 13:35,** then answer the following questions. How is love expressed and can the world see that you are a follower of Christ? If not, why not and what will you do to rectify this?

2.) Read **1 Thessalonians 4:9-10** then answer the following question. What can you actively begin to do to live out loving your brothers, “more and more?” Read **Proverbs 21:2 and Jeremiah 17:10** then discuss why is it so important to obey God (loving more and more) from a “right” heart.

3.) Read **2 Thessalonians 3:10-12** then answer the following questions. How can we actually be disobeying God by “enabling” someone under the guise that we are just showing love? How can people take the above verse and make it into a double edge sword? Is there a way to be sure we are not overreacting in one direction or another?

4.) Read **1 Thessalonians 4:12** then answer the following question. How well are outsiders viewing your walk with Christ? Are you keeping your lamp hidden underneath a bushel? Read **Colossians 4:5-6** and discuss how this verse ties into 1 Thessalonians 4:12.