



“A Walk That is Authentic”

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1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Part 8 of “Build to Last”

Verse 12, “...so that you may **walk properly**...”

Authentic:

1. Ask God to teach you _____ (v.9-10).

1. _____ the Scriptures to understand the Love of God.

2. _____ the Love Jesus Christ has for you.

3. _____ the reality of the Love of God above all.

2. Live, Work, Learn, and Play with _____ (v.11).

- a. Live _____

- b. _____ your own affairs

- c. _____ with your hands

3. Practice _____ toward outsiders (v.12)

- a. Am I _____ ?

- b. Am I _____ ?

Activity and Discussion for Families

This fall, make something that you can give away to someone who is maybe not walking with Jesus. It could be a food item or a craft, or it could be an act of service or kindness. The goal is to simply put the sermon into practice: love others, do something out of reverence for God, and be respectful and generous toward someone who is not walking with Jesus.

Discussion Questions

Some of these questions come from a book called "Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Thessalonians," by Mark Howell. Feel free to move at your own pace through the questions, speeding up, slowing down, or skipping, as needed.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12.

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this passage deeper.

What is the challenge in telling people to love in a certain practical way? How might it help people learn to love? How might it be ineffective?

How does the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit enable us to love others?

How do you understand the phrase "more and more?" Paul commends the Thessalonians for their brotherly love. What does loving more and more look like in your life?

How can you tell when a group of believers genuinely love one another? What happens when love evaporates between Christian brothers and sisters?

Examine this passage (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12) and try to identify some connections between Christian doctrine and Christian living.

What does leading a "quiet life" look like today? Discuss.

What does it mean to "mind your own business?" Discuss.

What are some things you enjoy doing? What would it look like to do that "more and more" in a way that points to Jesus?

How would you say you are doing at spending time in respect and generosity towards outsiders these days? COVID certainly makes it hard. Any specific people you can maybe reach out to in the week ahead? Spend some time in prayer and discussion over it.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the love that you have shown us in Jesus Christ. May you do a radical work within me; teach me to love more and more. Father, I look forward to moments of reverence before you in the week ahead. Holy Spirit, help me live in such a way that honors Jesus and points others to Jesus. Amen.