

# Letter to the Thessalonians:

To the church of the Thessalonians:

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

-Paul-

# 1 Thessalonians 4

1 Finally, brothers,  
we ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus,  
that as you received from us instruction as to how you  
ought to walk and please God, just as you are doing,  
that you should do so more and more.

2 For you know the instructions we gave you by the  
authority of the Lord Jesus.

# 1 Thessalonians 4

3 For this is the will of God,

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3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification;  
that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each one of you know how to control his own  
body in holiness and honor,

5 not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not  
know God;

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6 and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in this matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.

7 For God has not called us to impurity, but to holiness.

8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

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12 And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another, and for all people,

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7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

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His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives  
for our brothers.

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## Romans 5

5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.

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6. God taught them through His apostles and His word.

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**He Sources Love**  
So, it is only God who is able to teach them to love.
2. God demonstrated His love on the cross.  
**He Exemplifies Love**
3. God places His saints into a body, the church,  
where we are loved and learn to love.  
**He Gives Opportunity to Love**
4. God has put His law in our minds and inscribed it on our hearts. Love is the summation of the law.  
**He Internally Instructs Love**
5. God placed His Spirit to work in them.  
**He Powers Love**
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Our sanctification is infinite in this life, because...

Christ is far more holy than we can imagine.

We are far more sinful than we can imagine.

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to attend to your own matters,  
and to work with your own hands,  
as we instructed you.

12 So that you will behave properly toward outsiders,  
and not be dependent on anyone.

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## Romans 12

16 Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but enjoy the company of the lowly.

Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody.

18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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and to mind your own affairs, (ESV)  
and attend to your own business (NASB)  
and to do your own business, (KJV)

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and not be in any need. (NASB)

and that ye may have lack of nothing. (KJV)

## 2 Thessalonians 3

6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from any brother who leads an undisciplined life

ESV – walking in idleness

NASB – leads an unruly life

KJV – walks disorderly



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6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from any brother who leads an undisciplined life that is not in keeping with the tradition you received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not undisciplined among you,

8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it.

Instead, in labor and toil, we worked night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

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9 Not that we lack this right, but we wanted to offer ourselves as an example for you to imitate.

10 For even while we were with you, we gave you this command:

“If anyone is unwilling to work, he shall not eat.”

11 Yet we hear that some of you are leading undisciplined lives and accomplishing nothing but being busybodies.

ESV – For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

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NASB – For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

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KJV – For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

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12 We command and urge such people by our Lord Jesus Christ to begin working quietly to earn their own living.

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13 But as for you, brothers, do not grow weary in well-doing.

14 Take note of anyone who does not obey the instructions we have given in this letter.

Do not associate with him, so that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

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