

ABOUNDING IN LIFE TO PLEASE THE LORD

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

I. PAUL'S PERSONAL & HISTORICAL EXPLANATION TO THE CHURCH. (1:1-3:13)

A. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUTATION (1:1)

B. PAUL'S COMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)

C. PAUL'S GODLY MINISTRY TO THE THESSALONIANS (2:1-20)

D. PAUL'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS (3:1-13)

II. PAUL'S PRACTICAL EXHORTATIONS TO THEM. (4:1-5:24)

* How did Paul know what exhortations they needed to hear?

A. Some OBSERVATIONS to Note if We Want to PLEASE THE LORD. (4:1-2)

1. The **seriousness** of these admonitions are underscored by the words _____ and _____. (4:1a) ... "*we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus*"
2. The **recipients** of these exhortations are _____, without exception ... "*Finally then, brethren*"
3. The **basis** of all this is our _____ "in Christ"... indicated by the words... "*_____ the Lord Jesus*"
4. The **content** of these admonitions revolve around them receiving how to _____ themselves in their Christian life. ... "*how to walk*"
5. The **aim** of these admonitions is to _____.

* How is this possible?

6. The **absolute necessity** of heeding these admonitions is seen by the word_____.

7. This exhortation to walk to please God **concerns** their further _____& spiritual _____... “so you would abound more and more.”

8. The **nature** of these admonitions involve certain _____which they needed to_____.

* How are we to understand the word “*commandments*” in the New Testament?

9. The **authority** for these commands or admonitions is the_____.

10. The **commands** of N.T. scripture reveal the _____of God and what He _____in your life. Such as c.f. 4:3

Now, what does all this mean to you?

1. Every believer needs to be taught their _____in Christ & admonished to walk to _____ God. *What does this emphasize to us?

2. The aim of the Christian life is not _____centered, but _____centered

3. From God’s perspective a Christ honoring walk is not _____, but _____.

4. Remember that growing believers need affirmation & _____as well as reproof, correction &_____!

5. Regardless to what degree you have_____, there is still more _____& _____to do.