



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Thessalonians 4v1-12 – **Pleasing Progress**

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GETTING STARTED

How does this section of the letter fit in with Paul's prayer in chapter 3v10-13?

Are you aware of what's lacking in your faith?

1) PLEASING PROGRESS (v1-2)

What is Paul's 2-fold concern in v1-2?

Do we share that concern for each other?

How is pleasing God linked to accepting God's word? What are the implications of that for us today?

2) ...LIVING IN PURITY (v3-8)

What reasons does Paul give the believers to pursue a holy life? Which do you find most compelling?

Why do you think Paul focuses on the issue of sexual immorality?

In what ways are we too similar to the world? (v4-5)

3) ...LOVING OTHERS (V9-10)

How do Paul's instructions in these verses follow on from Paul's prayer in v12-13?

To what extent is complacency an issue in the church today? What can we do to guard against it?

4) ...WORKING HARD (V11-12)

What does it look like to lead a quiet life? In what ways has Paul modelled that?

What are two reasons Paul gives for leading a quiet life?

In what ways can your behaviour 'win the respect' of outsiders this week?

Meditate on the words of Paul below...

1 Thessalonians 4v1: *As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.*