



GROWING AND SHOWING YOUR FAITH

LIVING TO PLEASE GOD

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

- I. Pleasing God is the FOUNDATION of Christian ETHICS.**
 - A. Paul's instructions are given by the authority of the Lord Jesus.
 - B. What we believe & how we live are both vital issues of our faith.
 - C. How can we say we know & love God and not seek to please Him?
 - D. Pleasing God frees us from legalism as we grow in understanding.
 - E. Pleasing God is a progressive goal; we can never say we've arrived.
- II. Knowing God is the GROUND of Christian CHASTITY.**
 - A. Pagan's conduct is characterized by the fact they don't know God.
 - B. God's will entails "*clean cut*" w/ sexual impurity, total abstinence.
 - C. Heterosexual, monogamous marriage is God-given context for sex.
 - D. Call to *honor* means God's requirements extend to a marriage bed.
 - E. God's will, judgment, call and Spirit all conduce to our holiness.
- III. Loving God is the IMPETUS for Christian CHARITY.**
 - A. Those who love are born of God and know God, for God is love.
 - B. Idleness is *truancy* from our responsibilities to God and to others.
 - C. "Make it your ambition to have no ambition" means to settle down.
 - D. Failure to *mind business* and *get busy* is a breach of the law of love.
 - E. Our daily life is to bless believers and earn respect of non-believers.

SUMMARY: True freedom is freedom from OURSELVES
in order to live for GOD and OTHERS.

Are you seeking to please God and love others
more and more as you grow in your Christian faith?

***"We exist to glorify God
by enabling all people
to become fully-devoted followers of
the Lord Jesus Christ."***

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