

I Thessalonians

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Review - 1 Thess 4:9-10 Interpretive Translation

Now **concerning the benevolent regard for fellow members of God's Royal Family**, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, because you yourselves are **being** taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you (*encourage you*), brethren, **to continue excelling to a greater degree,**

1 Thess 4:11 “And to make it your ambition (aspire to) ...”

There are three things that we should aspire to - consider an honor.

1. Lead a quiet life.
2. Attend to your own business.
3. Work with your hands.

A quiet life. A life not free of saying things, but rather a restful life. A life characterized by relaxed mental attitude; tranquility of soul. A life lived on the Lord's time, not ours. A life that is not caught up in the rush-here, rush-there world of the cosmos. Free from getting to Bible class all frazzled from a hectic pace.

POD #1 – The Christian who adjusts to the Lord's timeline each day will lead a restful or tranquil life.

POD #2 – The restful / tranquil life is a life characterized by God the Holy Spirit fulfilling all that He took up permanent residence in the believer to do.

- Character of Christ is manifest in the life of the believer as the Holy Spirit is fulfilling all that He came to do.
- Produced by the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit having more of you.

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”

- You are responsible for your life. What activities are you committing to? For you? For the kids? Activities that detract from a restful / tranquil life.
- Malleable to what Holy Spirit is doing in you. Sensitive to what He would have you do.
- Ingredients: STOP – LOOK - LISTEN

Galatians 5 –

vs. 13 “For you were called to freedom...”

vs. 16 “But I say, walk by the Spirit...”

vs. 18 “But if you are led by the Spirit...”

vs. 22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is...”

vs. 25 “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”

you have the freedom to choose

keep on walking

willing to be led.

whose fruit is it?

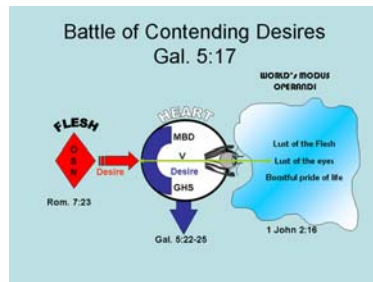
Concept -

If He is leading, I am following.

When He bears witness, I agree and do.

Malleability insures that you are walking.

Class slides



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