

The church in Thessalonica: A good example

³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father (1 Thess. 1:3)

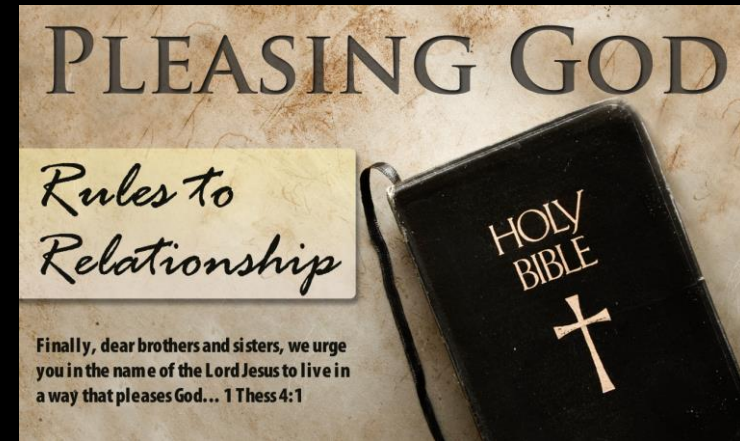
¹³ For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe (1 Thess. 2:13)

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you— ⁷ therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith (1 Thess. 3:6-8)

More and More!

Pleasing God in your walk (1 Thess 4:1-2)

- We have the “know how” (:1)
- This is urgent! (4:1, :10)
- What is it that you can do “more and more” of?

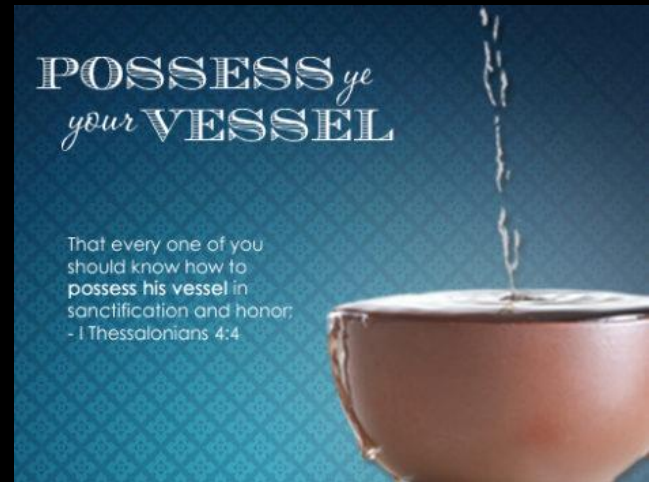


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Pleasing God in your walk (4:1)

Possessing your vessel in honor (4:4-5)

- You are not just another vessel like any other-you are sanctified
- You are passionate for the right things (:5)
- You are called to holiness (:7)



More and More!

Pleasing God in your walk (4:1)

Possessing your vessel in honor (4:4-5)

Proving your love for the brethren (4:9-10)

- This is something God has made clear to us and taught us (:9)
- We are not monuments in a museum but living stones in the temple of God (1 Pt. 2:4)



The church in Thessalonica: A good example... ...and getting better

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith

2 Thess. 1:3-4a