

**LIVE TO PLEASE GOD (PART 2)**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Christian living is to be pleasing to God. Jesus lived to please His Father (John 8:29). Paul's concern was to please God, not men (1 Thess 2:4). John urges us to do the same (1 John 3:22).**

- **“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22).**

**Notice with me, in our text, five additional ways in which Christians can live to please God:**

- I. Love Harmoniously (vv. 9-10)**
  - A. Loving one another is a teaching that comes from God (v. 9; John 13:34-35, 15:12, 17; Rom 5:5)**
  - B. Christians should have a reputation for loving one another (v. 10a)**
  - C. The challenge given to loving one another (v. 10b)**
  
- II. Study to Quiet (v. 11a)**
  - A. Be ambitious**
  - B. Avoid being a troublemaker**
  - C. Witness without being abusive or arrogant**
  
- III. Mind Your Own Business (v. 11b)**
  - A. Do not be a Busy Body (2 Thess 3:11; 1 Tim 5:13; 1 Pet 4:15)**
  - B. A Decent and Honest Woman**
  - C. Passing on ill Reports**
  
- IV. Work With Your Own Hands (v. 11c)**
  - A. God worked and is working right now (Gen 1:1)**
  - B. Jesus Worked as a carpenter (Matt 13:55; Mark 6:13)**
  - C. Paul worked as a tentmaker (Acts 18:3)**
  
- V. Be Honest in Front of the World (v. 12)**
  - A. Be honest “toward them that are without” in the transaction of business.**
  - B. Be friendly and respectful “toward them that are without.”**
  - C. Beware of your conduct “toward them that are without.”**

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Live to Please God**
- B. Unsaved Person – Flesh, Natural man cannot please God (Rom 8:8)**
- C. Romans Road ((Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**