

“... Concerning Brotherly Love ...”

1 Thessalonians 4:9

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Context

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
 - Abound more and more (4:1)
 - “the will of God, your sanctification ...” (4:3)
 - To be different from the world and people around them.
 - Set apart to be pleasing and useful to God.
 - Entails:
 - Avoid sexual immorality, avoiding “passion of lust,” not to take advantage of their brethren.

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“... No Need to Write”

- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
 - *But concerning brotherly love (Greek: philadelphia) you have no need that I should write to you ...*
 - 2 John 5-6 | All are taught by God
 - 1 Corinthians 6:1-2, 5-8
 - Some still require the reminder
- 1 Thessalonians 4:10
 - *Increase more and more*
 - Ephesians 4:11-16
 - The need to grow in truth and love ... *for the edifying of itself in love.*

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“... Aspire to Lead a Quiet Life ...”

1 Thessalonians 4:11

- James 1:26-27 | As we are taught by God to love one another

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Work With Your Own Hands (4:11-12)

- To walk properly toward those who are outside
 - **Proverbs 22:1**, *A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold*
 - **Ecclesiastes 7:1**, *A good name is better than precious ointment ...*
 - **Ecclesiastes 10:1**, *Dead flies make the perfumers ointment give off a stench; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.*
 - 1 Timothy 3:7 | Elders

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That You May Lack Nothing

- 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13
 - Contrast of becoming busybodies in other’s lives.
 - That is not a show of brotherly love.
 - 3 John 4-8 | In physical needs
 - To give to those who have needs
 - 2 Peter 1:5-11 | In spiritual endeavors
 - Giving diligence

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Our Sanctification

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - Set apart from the world in all matters of this life.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- 1 Peter 1:20-25
 - *In sincere love of the brethren ... love one another fervently with pure heart ...*
- John 13:35
 - *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

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Conclusion

- All of this is part of God's will for us in our sanctification: to be separate and different from the world around us.
 - To love each other
 - Aim to lead a quiet life
- And may we increase "more and more."

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