

**“How You Ought To Walk”**  
**1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians**  
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*“he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.” (Ephesians 1:5-6, ESV)*

**God Has Predestined His Children Not To Wrath But For Salvation Through Jesus Christ, (vs. 5: 9)**

- II We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 – 5: 28)  
A. The revelation of God requires that His children live in holiness & purity not lustful passions, (vs. 4: 1 – 12)

**11. The Call To Holiness Is Demonstrated Materially In Quietly Doing Your Own Work, (vs. 11)**

**11.1) Holiness Values Quiet Living**

**“To Aspire (Pres.Mid/Pas.Inf) To Live (Pres.Act.Inf) Quietly”-**

*“Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear – but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.” (1 Peter 3:1-4, ESV)*

**11.2) Holiness Values Dignified Living**

**“Aspire To Mind (Pres.Act.Inf) Own Affairs”-**

*“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.” (Titus 2:1-10, ESV)*

**11.3) Holiness Values Industrious Living**

**“Aspire To Work (Pres.Act.Inf)”-**

*“Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:22-24, ESV)*

**11.4) Holiness Values Instructed Living**

**“As Instructed (Aor.Act.Ind)”-**

*“You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” (Acts 20:34-35, ESV)*

**1) “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 2) Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 3) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies – 4) in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:8-11, ESV)**

- 1) We are called to love each other earnestly.
- 2) Loving each other is seen in joyful welcomes.
- 3) Loving each other is a stewardship of what God has given you.
- 4) Loving each other brings glory to God.

**Are you demonstrating the valuing of God given holiness in material ways?**

12. The Call To Holiness Is The Authentication Of The Gospel Message, (vs. 12)

- B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 - 5: 11)
  - C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 - 28)
- III We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)
- A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 - 12)
  - B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
  - C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)