

The Content of Discipleship
1 Thessalonians 3.11 – 4.8

I. What Do We Learn?

A. The General Call (vs. 1-2)

B. The Specific Exhortation (vs. 3-8)

“... this is the will of God, your sanctification ...”

1. Three commands

2. Three motivations

II. How Can We Respond?

1. Biblical content is an essential part of Biblical discipleship.
2. As we share Biblical content, our motivation must be love, our means must be encouragement, and our desire must be God's honor.
3. As we disciple others, we must be willing to warn as much as we are eager to encourage!

1 Thessalonians 3. 11 – 4. 8 (English Standard Version)

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

^{4.1} Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.