



## You and Me 1 Thessalonians 4-5

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to continue to live a life consistent with the teachings of Jesus.

### Don't Stop Pleasing God – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

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:<sup>[b]</sup> that you abstain from sexual immorality; **4** that each one of you know how to control his own body<sup>[c]</sup> 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.

**9** Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, **10** for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, **11** and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs,

and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, **12** so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

- God is pleased with holiness (vv. 1-8)
  - “For this is the will of God, your sanctification” (v. 4:3).
    - Sanctification - becoming holy
    - Holiness = Set apart
    - Justification – declared holy
    - God is pleased with holiness because he is holy.
  - Holiness includes what you do with your body and mind.
    - “you abstain from sexual immorality” (v. 4:3)
    - “18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).
    - “27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell” (Matthew 5:27-30).
- God is pleased with love (vv. 9-12)
  - “Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more” (vv. 9-10).
- Vintage, don’t stop pleasing God!

### Don’t Lose Hope – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:1

**13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**5** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. **5** For you are all children[c] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- Death is not the end (vv. 4:13-18)
  - “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope” (v. 4:13).
  - Christians grieve with hope
  - The Order of Events
    - Jesus will return
    - The dead will be resurrected
    - The living will be transformed
    - We will live with Jesus forever
- Jesus is returning (vv. 5:1-11)
  - We are certain Jesus is returning; we are uncertain of when Jesus is returning.
    - “42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Matthew 24:42-44).
  - Our only hope in life and death is in the resurrection and return of Jesus.
  - Watch and Wait!
- Vintage, don’t stop hoping!

### Don’t Quit the Church – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

**12** We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, **13** and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. **14** And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle,[a] encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. **15** See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. **16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the

Spirit. **20** Do not despise prophecies, **21** but test everything; hold fast what is good.  
**22** Abstain from every form of evil.

- Value & respect your pastors (vv. 12-13)
- Serve one another (vv. 14-15)
  - Warn the rebellious
  - Comfort the discouraged
  - Be devoted to the weak
  - Be patient with one another
- Worship the Lord (vv. 16-22)
  - Our Words to God
  - God's Word to Us
- Vintage, don't quit the church!

Vintage Church, keep living a life that is pleasing to God, filled with hope, and committed to the church.

**23** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**24** He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).