

CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY  
**MEN OF THE WORD**  
MEN'S MINISTRY  
2021-2022

**1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"**

**Session 11**

**1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 (NKJV)**

**"How you Ought to Walk Pt. 2"**

As we saw from last week, Paul is now in the instruction phase of his letter, speaking of the things that were lacking in their faith. In our passage Paul brings instruction regarding our walks in that we should "walk properly towards those who are outside." And this of course speaks of our witness to those who are nonbelievers. Last week we saw how Paul spoke of sexual immorality and that in abstaining this was the will of God for our lives. And in abstaining this would be a tremendous witness to those in Thessalonica for sure! Now Paul addresses the issue of Love, Integrity and Witness in the believer's walk.

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:9**

Brotherly love for the Christian, according to Jesus, is the way we can demonstrate that we know Jesus and are His disciples. How are you doing with Love for others? Could you convince a jury that you are increasing more and more in love by your actions, testimony and witness?

**Scripture: Matthew 24:12**

Jesus said that one of the signs of His coming would be that lawlessness would abound and people's love for one another would grow cold. No doubt as we look around the world, lawlessness is everywhere. But as for you and me, has this caused our love to grow cold? Have our hearts become bitter and angry with the "sinner"? Take a minute and ask yourself this heart check question.

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:10**

What are some tangible ways you can name in your own life that show your love is increasing? What are some things that you can point to that show your love is decreasing? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the good and the bad.

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:11**

Paul in this verse gives three commands to the believers that are intended to perfect what was lacking in their faith. In your own words, what do these commands speak to you?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:12**

When we walk as we ought to in front of those who are outside, this is called evangelism...we are being a witness of Jesus to those who don't know Him. As you look at your own life, in what ways is your walk a witness? What would people from the 'outside' say about your Christianity?

**Group Discussion:**

As we look around the world hearing of things that one would never have imagined, if there was ever a time for the Christian man to "Walk as he Ought" it is now! Talk with your brothers and let's discuss ways in which we can walk properly towards those who are outside, that we might be able to be true witnesses of the love of Christ!

**Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, <sup>12</sup> having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.