

1 Thessalonians  
Lesson 11

*Women of Grace*

*Winter 2021*

---

## A Testimony that Excels

### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12

---

“Believers who sacrificially love other people, exhibit tranquil lives, conscientiously focus on keeping their own lives in order, and faithfully carry out their daily responsibilities in the workplace (thus avoiding any welfare dependence)—all the while proclaiming the gospel in light of the return of Christ—are the most effective witnesses to their unsaved neighbors and loved ones.”

John MacArthur, 1&2 Thessalonians Commentary

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; — 1 Thessalonians 4:9

1. Is Christianity primarily an intellectual faith or a practical faith?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. What do the following verses tell us about “brotherly love” (philadelphia)?

a. Romans 12:10

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

b. Hebrews 13:1

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

A series of horizontal dotted lines spanning the width of the page, providing a guide for handwriting practice.

c. 1 Peter 1:22

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

d. 2 Peter 1:7

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. How did the Thessalonians learn to love each other? How do believers learn to love each other? See John 14:26; 16:13; Romans 5:3-5 and 1 Corinthians 2:10.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

4. How can the way that we love others be a reflection of the way that we view how God loves?

---

---

---

---

---

---

Lined writing area consisting of multiple horizontal dotted lines for text entry.



Lined writing area with horizontal dotted lines.



for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,  
— 1 Thessalonians 4:10

1. What should characterize true agape love?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. How far had their love spread? What churches would their love have reached? See Acts 16:12-40 and 17:10-14.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. The Thessalonians were commended for not only loving the members of their own church, but also other believers in the area. How can we love other believers in Edmonton and the surrounding areas? Around the world?

---

---

---

---

Lined writing paper with horizontal dashed lines for writing.

4. What did Paul urge them to do?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

5. What does it mean to “excel still more” in loving others? What are some practical ways that we can do this?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

6. Are you faithfully serving God’s people as an act of love? Are you actively seeking out needs to fill? How can you excel in this?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing, spanning the width of the page.

and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you,  
— 1 Thessalonians 4:11

1. What are the three ambitions Paul commands the Thessalonians to love by?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. What does it look like to live a quiet life?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. From 1 Peter 3:1-6 what characteristics does a quiet woman possess? Does this line up with your view of a quiet person?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



4. Does living a quiet life mean that we will always be at peace with others? See Romans 12:18.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

5. Many of us live in homes where most of the members are also believers. How might living a quiet life look different if you were the only believer in your home?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

6. We are called to share the gospel and make disciples. How do we accomplish that goal while striving to live a quiet life?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

A series of 28 horizontal dotted lines for writing.







and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you,  
— 1 Thessalonians 4:11

1. What is the opposite of “attending to your own business?”

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. What does Scripture say about being a meddler? See 1 Peter 4:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:11 and 1 Timothy 5:13.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. What is the opposite of “work with your hands?”

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 35 horizontal dashed lines for tracing and 35 horizontal solid lines for writing.

4. What does Scripture say about being lazy or a sluggard?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

5. What are the consequences of those who were able but choosing not to work? See 2 Thessalonians 3:10, 14-15 and Matthew 18:15-18.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

6. How might living a quiet life, attending to your own business and working with your hands be a witness to the power of the gospel?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing.

so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need. — 1 Thessalonians 4:12

1. What is the purpose of the commands that Paul gives in this passage?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. How are the ideals of socialism (and similar worldviews) in direct contradiction to Scripture? Use scripture to support your answer.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. What does “behaving properly” look like? See 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:1.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---





4. Why would asking “outsiders” to fill our needs when we refuse to work be detrimental to our testimony?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

5. What does Paul tell us about someone who does not provide for his household? See 1 Timothy 5:8.

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



## Dig Deeper

1. We often speak of the put off/put on principle. In verse 11, we are exhorted to put on quiet living, minding our own business, and working with our hands. What are we to be putting off to be able to put on these things?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. Assuming that the work is not immoral or illegal, is some work better or more worthy of honor than other work?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. Do we give greater honor to those who have certain kinds of jobs – i.e., white collar vs. blue collar work? Should we view work that way?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



4. How should we view work? Is it something difficult, a trial that needs to be passed through, or a gift from God?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

5. Is work a result of the curse in Genesis 3?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

6. Contrast the boisterous idle woman of folly (from Proverbs 7:11; 9:13; 14:1 and 1 Timothy 5:13) with the quiet working woman of fear (from Proverbs 14:1; 31:10-31; 1 Timothy 5:10 and Titus 2:2-5).

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

7. Do a word study on the Greek word philadelphia (love of the brethren).

---

---

---

---



8. Do a word study on the Greek word agape (love).

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing.



*Women of Grace*