

Walk in His Commandments: 2 (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)

Observations

- (9-10) “Insiders” ⇒ Love _____ = fellow _____
You are already doing it ⇒ _____ still more
- (11-12) “Outsiders” ⇒ Have as your _____
 - 1) Lead a _____ life
 - 2) _____ to your own business
 - 3) _____ with your hands
 - 4) Why?
 - a) This is _____ behavior
 - b) You are to _____ for your own needs

Principles

- A (would-be) disciple is commanded to _____
 - 1) _____ commands His children to do this
 - 2) Characteristic of Jesus’ disciples (Jn. 13:34-35; 15:12, 17; 21)
 - 3) *How?* 1 John 5:1-2
“ _____ ” passages
- Commands to obey ⇒ in everyday life

<i>Lead a quiet life</i>	...vs...	<i>making a _____ scene</i>
• Faithfulness	Humility	Simplicity
<i>Take _____ for your own affairs</i>	...vs...	_____ w/ others to your own _____ (2 Thess 3:11)
<i>Work with your hands</i>	...vs...	<i>being _____ and dependent upon others</i> (2 Thess 3:10)
Why work?		

Summary: A close connection between...

A Relationship of Supreme Love for Jesus Christ

Key Scriptures: Matthew 10:37 Luke 14:26

Introduction – “first things first”

Philippians 3:7-8 Psalm 27:4 Luke 10:38-42 Matthew 22:36-38

The Concept

- Matthew 10:37 – Love versus _____
 1. Jesus says that our love for Him must _____ our love in all other human relationships.
 2. What are the evidences of a relationship of priority love?
- Luke 14:26 – Love versus _____
 1. Jesus says that our love for others must appear as _____ in comparison to our love for Him.
 2. What does it mean to *hate another* in this context?
- *Interpretation Aid*
Genesis 29:30-33
Malachi 1:2-3
Romans 9:10-16
2 Samuel 19:1-6
Proverbs 13:24
Matthew 6:24
John 3:20
John 12:25
- *Conclusion*
Hating ⇒ making a _____ or _____ of the one loved.
Context of Mat. 10:37; Lk. 14:26 = choice of _____

Questions to Consider

- *Who/What* _____ most fiercely with Christ for your affection?
- When the situation demands a choice, who / what usually _____?