

IN THE
TWINKLING
OF AN
EYE

INVEST IN THE THINGS
THAT MATTER IN LIGHT
OF HIS COMING

1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

PART 9:

THE BASIC RULE

GOD'S PLAN
FOR YOU

SUCCESS,
SATISFACTION &
SIGNIFICANCE

3 BASIC
RULES

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-10

#3 Live a life of *integrity* out in the world
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“Now about your love for one another we don’t need to write, for God has taught you to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God’s family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, to do so more and more,

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12

and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so you won’t be dependent on anyone.

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PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS

PURITY, FELLOWSHIP AND
WITNESS ARE FULLY
INTEGRATED

PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS

SANCTIFICATION:
NOT TAKEN OUT OF, BUT
KEPT DISTINCT WITHIN

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too, may be truly sanctified."

— JOHN 17:15-18 —

C.S. LEWIS

"How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible."

PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS

MODELING LOVE IN
GOD'S FAMILY IS KEY TO
MODELING INTEGRITY
IN THE WORLD

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everybody will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

JOHN 13:34-35

THE BASIC RULE

LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE
WITHIN THE CHURCH

*"We urge you to love one another
more and more."*

1 THESSALONIANS 4:10

THE 4 LOVES

EROS → *Physical Love*

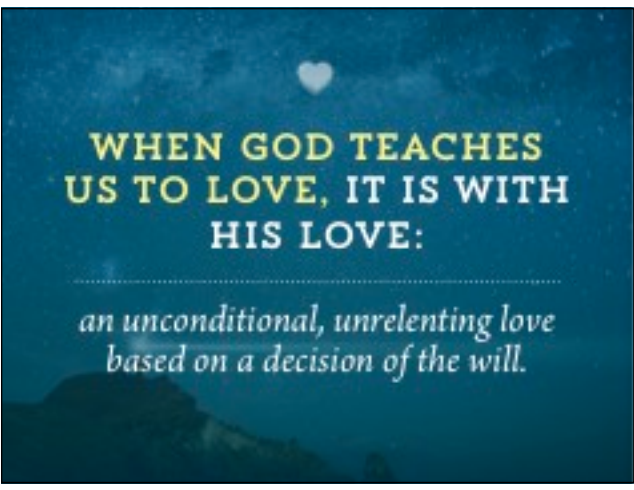
STORGE → *Family Love*

PHILOS → *Love of Deep Affection*

AGAPE → *Unconditional Love*

*"Now about your love (philadelphias)
for one another we don't need to write,
for God has taught you to love
(agapan) each other."*

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9



**WHEN GOD TEACHES
US TO LOVE, IT IS WITH
HIS LOVE:**

*an unconditional, unrelenting love
based on a decision of the will.*



**HOW DO WE BECOME
INCREASINGLY
GOD-LIKE IN LOVE?**

BY DECIDING!

**OUR
TEMPLATE
FOR
GOD-LIKE
LOVE**

QUALITY TIME

**WORDS OF
AFFIRMATION**

GIVING GIFTS

**ACTS OF
SERVICE**

**PHYSICAL
TOUCH**

THE BASIC RULE

LIVE A LIFE OF INTEGRITY OUT IN THE WORLD

"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders."

1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12

A WINSOME WITNESS

1

BE AMBITIOUSLY QUIET

Strive to live a calm and collected life no matter what is going on around you.

*"The fruit of righteousness will be peace;
the effect of righteousness will be quietness
and confidence forever."*

— ISAIAH 32:17 —

*"You keep in perfect peace those whose mind
is stayed on you, because they trust in you"*

— ISAIAH 26:3, ESV —

A WINSOME  WITNESS

2

MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS

Work steadily and serious-mindedly
at your own assignment in life

A WINSOME  WITNESS

3

WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS

Working hard and with excellence will
create a winsome witness in a culture
that does otherwise.

*"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name the Lord Jesus . . .
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men . . .
it is the Lord Christ you are serving."*

— COLOSSIANS 3:17, 23-24 —

