

LESSON

When you think of the word more what comes to mind? What is something that you think of that you would like more of? Candy, money, friends?

Let's read our verse today – I Thessalonians 4:1.

“Now I want to talk about some other matters, brothers and sisters. We taught you how to live in a way that pleases God. In fact, that is how you are living. In the name of the Lord Jesus we ask and beg you to do it more and more.”

What did Paul say he wanted the Thessalonians to do more? In fact, he didn't just say 'more' – he said 'more and more!' To live in a way that pleases God!

Let's look at four different ways that we can please God:

The first way we please God is with wisdom. We've talked a good bit about this one over the past few weeks. In every situation, there is a wise choice and an unwise choice. If we walk in wisdom, we are depending on God to help us make the wise choice. I have a couple cards here ... you choose which one is the wise choice and which one is the bad choice. (Show two cards)

The second way we can please God is with truth. There is one place where you will ALWAYS get the truth. And that is in God's Word. It is important that you know what the Bible says. Read your Bible and learn the scriptures.

Our third way to live in a way that pleases God is with love. I Thessalonians 4:9-10 says

We don't need to write to you about your love for one another. God himself has taught you to love one another. 10 In fact, you do love all God's family all around Macedonia. Brothers and sisters, we are asking you to love one another more and more.

Loving God and loving others is a BIG deal. We need to love God first, others second and ourselves last. We show that we love God when we love others. We show that we love others when we are helpful to them. Paul encouraged the church at Thessalonica to love others more and more!

And last is faith. Walking in faith requires wisdom and trusting the truth of God's Word and love and prayer. Walking in faith believes even when we can't see how it is all going to turn out. God is pleased when we have faith in Him. I have something to show you. (*Display mustard seed*) Do you see it? It's very teeny tiny! It's a mustard seed. Jesus told us that faith the size of this mustard seed could move mountains! Ask mom or dad if there is a clothespin at the house that you can make a reminder to keep on the refrigerator this week. Write on the clothespin, "Walk with Jesus" to help you remember our verse this morning and to live in a way that pleases God more and more!

ACTIVITY

There are a couple other activities on the link that you can print off to do this week. If you want more activities that you can do at home, please let me know. You can call me, text me or email me. I am praying for you and your family that you stay safe and well. I love you and look forward to the day that we are all together again!

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