

“Brotherly Love and Quiet Lives” (1 Thessalonians 4:9–12)

Introduction: 1 Thessalonians 3:11–4:4

Big Idea: Love for Christian brethren must always increase in the context of peaceful productivity.

- I. All Christians are taught by God to love one another. (verses 9–10a)

Isaiah 54:13; John 6:44–45; 1 John 3:10–11, 23–24; 4:7–12
- II. This love for the family of God can and must always increase. (verse 10b)

2 Peter 1:5–8; Titus 3:8–14; Romans 13:8–9
- III. This love must guard peace, privacy, and personal productivity. (verse 11)
 - a. Quiet Peace in Private Life

1 Timothy 2:1–2; 1 Peter 3:1–4
 - b. Diligent Focus on One’s Own Affairs (Not a Neighbor’s Private Affairs)

1 Peter 4:14–16; Proverbs 26:17; 1 Timothy 5:11–16
 - c. Hard Work to Provide for One’s Own Needs

2 Thessalonians 3:11–12; 1 Thessalonians 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7–10
- IV. This lifestyle promotes proper relations outside and inside God’s family. (verse 12)
 - a. Prudent Interaction with a Watching World

Matthew 5:14–16
 - b. Proactive Provision rather than Passive Dependency

Ephesians 4:28

Concluding Word: Even the dependent should be known for love and good works.

1 Timothy 5:9–10; Acts 9:36–41