

**[1 Thessalonians]
Lesson 2**

Christians Must Grow!

(1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)



1. We Must **Grow!**



(1 Thess. 4:1) Furthermore (more) then we (Paul...) beseech (ask) you, brethren (Thess. Church), and exhort (encourage) you by the Lord Jesus (inspiration—Bible given), that as ye have received of us how ye ought (must) to walk (live) and to please (happy) God, so ye would abound (grow) more and more. (2) For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

Grow! How? = Study the Bible

2. We Must Grow in Holiness.



(1 Thess. 4:3) *For this is the will of God, even your (church) sanctification (holiness), that ye should abstain (not do) from fornication (sexual sins):*



[See Rom. 6:11-15, 7:21-23, 13:10; 1 Cor. 6:18-20, 11:30-32]

(1 Thess. 4:4) That every one of you (church) should know how to possess (keep) his vessel (body) in sanctification (holiness) and honour (respect); (5) Not in the lust of concupiscence (sin want), even as the Gentiles (world's people) which know not God: (6) That no man go beyond (sin) and defraud (sin—cheat) his brother in any matter (thing [sexual sin]): because that the Lord is the avenger (judge) of all such, as we (Paul...) also have forewarned (before tell danger) you and testified (told). (7) For God hath not called us unto uncleanness (filthy—sin), but [called us] unto holiness.

(1 Thess. 4:8) **He** therefore (then) that despise
(reject / not respect / not obey), despise not **man**, but
[despises] **God**, **who** hath also given unto **us** (Paul...) **his**
holy Spirit [1:2 “commandments... by the Lord Jesus” (Bible)].

[See 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21]



3. We Must Grow in **Love.**



(1 Thess. 4:9) *But as touching (about) brotherly love (church family—love) ye (church) need not that I (Paul) write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God [O.T. & N.T.] to love one another. (10) And indeed (true) ye do it (love) toward all the brethren (church family) which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase (grow) more and more;*

[See Eph. 3:14-19]



4. We Must Grow in Working with Peace.



(1 Thess. 4:11) *And that ye study (focus) to be quiet (peace), and to do your own business (work / job), and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; (12) That ye may walk honestly (truly) toward them that are without (world's people), and that ye may have lack (miss / without) of nothing.*

“study to be quiet” = 1. not worry [see Rom. 8:28-39] / 2. not fight

“work with your own hands” = have food for you and your family, to give to church, and to help others / You not begging