

THE SPIRIT OF GOD'S EXHORTATIONS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

(1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)

I. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about GENERAL CONDUCT. (4:1-2)

B. Exhortations about SEXUAL PURITY. (4:3-8)

C. Exhortations about BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)

1. Concerning BROTHERLY LOVE. (4:9-10)

a. The *usage* of "brotherly love" (*philadelphia*) underscores the believer's relationship in the _____ of _____.

b. The *ultimate teacher* of brotherly love is _____ Himself.

* Does this discourage the need for human teachers?

c. The *kind* of brotherly love that is to characterize our relationships is _____ love.

d. The *recipients* of brotherly love are _____.

* What can you learn from the New Testament regarding your relationship with "one another?"

e. Their *practice* of brotherly love was directed toward "_____ the brethren."

f. The *growth* of brotherly love is to _____ and _____.

2. Concerning an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:11-12)

- a. *Instruction #1*: to make it your _____ to live a _____ life.

- b. *Instruction #2*: to _____ your _____ business.

- c. *Instruction #3*: to _____ with your own _____.

- d. *Reason #1*: because this is _____ ... “*as we commanded you.*”

- e. *Reason #2*: in order that believers may walk _____ toward the _____.

- f. *Reason #3*: that believers may have no _____ physically/financially.

* How does all of this apply to you?