I THESSALONIANS
Part Forty-Four: “Excellence in Brotherly Love, Part 3”

I Thessalonians 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Review:
1. Impulse: the church of Thessalonica demonstrated that they had had a desire to learn how to love. 9.
2. Improvement: Paul instructs them in a stronger quality of love. 10-11.
   Three Important Steps to Improving the Quality of Your Love
   1) Control your spirit. study to be quiet
   2) Focus your thoughts. do your own business
   3) Operate in self-dependence. work with your own hands

3. Impact: as they strengthen their love they will strengthen their ministry. 12.

   How Does A Self-Dependent Love Strengthen the Ministry?
   a. Self-dependent love gives you a solid testimony and reputation. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without
      1) The church has the reputation of paying its bills.
      2) The church has the testimony of being givers, not takers.
      3) The church has the testimony of being blessed and provided for by God.
   b. Self-dependent love enables the church to increase its ministry. and that ye may have lack of nothing.
      1) Because the people themselves will not fail financially.
      2) Because the church will have sufficient resources.