



I THESSALONIANS

Part Thirty Three: "Leading People to Excellence"

I Thessalonians 4:1-2

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

Essential Elements of Exhorting People to Excellence

1. **Prayer**. *Furthermore then.*

There will be no spiritual growth without prayer.

2. **Urging**. *we beseech you.*

Always keep the urgency.

3. **Loving**. *Brethren.*

A genuine loving relationship is an essential part of influence.

4. **Coaching**. *and exhort you.*

Be an encouraging, motivating trainer and teacher.

5. **Pointing**. *by the Lord Jesus.*

Always direct their attention to Christ.

6. **Reminding**. *as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God.*

Keep them tied to Bible truths and examples.

7. **Inspiring**. *so ye would abound more and more.*

Cause them to want it.

8. **Reaffirming**. *For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.*

Confirm the basics often.

You can take the steps to lead people to excellence, but they must choose to pursue it.