



I THESSALONIANS

Part Forty-Three: "Excellence in Brotherly Love, Part 2"

I Thessalonians 4:10-11 *And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you*

- 1. There is a certain amount of Christian love that is instinctive to every believer.** *And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia*
- 2. Every child of God can improve the quality of his love as long as he lives.** *but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more*
- 3. You improve the quality of your love by strengthening who you are, how you think, and how you live.**

Three Important Steps to Improving the Quality of Your Love

- 1) Control your spirit.** *study to be quiet*

This is not a matter of personality, it is a matter of Spirit-fullness.

Galatians 5:22-23.

- 2) Focus your thoughts.** *do your own business*

Minding your own business in the opposite of being a busybody.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11.

- 3) Operate in self-dependence.** *work with your own hands*

When people learn that you expect nothing from them, they know that your love is real.

I John 4:18.

- 4. Paul had already taught them these things, but they apparently had not associated them with loving others.** *as we commanded you*