

✓ Cf. 3:12

# Is Your Life A Witness?

1 Thessalonians - Study #8 - Chapter 4:9-12

v. 9 **Now concerning** brotherly love, you are not having need that I should be writing to you, **for** you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

✓ I Jn. 4:17

✓ Witness Focuses

- ✓ ON: ① Love
- ✓ ② Life
- ✓ Hip is last

v.10 **for** indeed, you are doing the same for all the brethren in the whole of Macedonia. **But** we are exhorting you, brethren, to excel more and more [in this love],

✓ H.S. in Verse 8  
✓ Teaches Truth! Only Here in N.T.  
✓ Rom. 5:5  
✓ ISA. 30:21  
✓ ISA. 54:13  
✓ S. 46:10

✓ It pleases G. when we love one another  
✓ Indwelling Spirit - Jn 16:13  
✓ 4:26

✓ Wicked. ISA 57:24-21  
ISA 30:15  
ISA 32:17

✓ Do with All Your might what your hand finds to do.  
✓ Eccl. 9:10  
✓ Col. 3:23

v.11 **and** to make it your ambition to live quietly and to busy yourselves with your own affairs and to work with your hands, even as we commanded you;

✓ Grow in this love!  
✓ 4:1  
✓ 12:12

✓ Love honour  
✓ Strive restlessly for  
✓ Rom. 15:20  
✓ II Cor. 5:9

✓ what is the stuff that's stressing + worrying you?  
✓ Tim. 2:2

✓ Lay by the stuff one day at a time.  
✓ ISA. 26:3

Purpose Behind Exhortation

v.12 **in order that** you may behave decently toward those who are outside and you may not be having need of anything.

✓ Matt. 5:16  
✓ according to good fashion  
✓ in good form  
✓ Charnock

- ✓ "Needy idlers are not good Christians"...
- ✓ No room for laziness in the Christian life....