

LOVE THE BRETHREN AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS
I THESS 4:9-12

Introduction:

- A. The life of a Christian is important.
 - 1. The new birth is the beginning.
 - 2. We learn and we mature.

- B. We are to live sanctified lives.
 - 1. v3,7.
 - 2. Such a full Christian life has at least two dimensions:
 - a. The lost world.
 - b. Fellow Christians.
 - 3. How are we to treat our fellow church members?

I. WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

- A. God teaches us this truth.
 - 1. v9.

- B. It is a positive sign of salvation.
 - 1. I John 3:14.
 - 2. I John 4:20.

- C. We are to help our brethren.
 - 1. I John 3:17.
 - 2. They practiced this truth. v10

- D. They should increase in love.
 - 1. "increase more and more."
 - 2. "to be overflowing.

II. MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS.

- A. "study to be quiet."
 - 1. study = to make a point of honor.
 - 2. quiet = tranquil, in contrast to bustle.

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B. "to do your own business."

1. "one's own things."

2. "do your own thing."

3. Our brother's business is our business.

4. Gal. 6:1-5.

a. weight = baros = weight about to press one down,
"used to describe Jesus carrying His cross."

b. phortion = "a ships cargo, a normal load."

III. THE REWARD. V12

A. Christians are to do honest work.

1. The welfare system encourages cheating.

2. "You should bear yourselves becomingly and be correct and honorable and command respect of the outside world, being (self-supporting), depending on nobody and having need of nothing."