

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
“Can’t Get Enough Part 2”

1. Love of the Brothers (and Sisters) v.9

- A. Known for love
constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, 1 Thessalonians 1:3 NASB

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, 1 Thessalonians 3:6 NASB

and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 NASB

- B. Taught by God

2. Export It! 10

- A. Authentic sharing

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.
2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

- B. Repeat of verse 1

3. How to Get Along in Life 11, 12

- A. Paul's Emphasis of work

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. Ephesians 4:28 NASB

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8 NASB

and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; 1 Corinthians 4:12 NASB

B. The Biblical Ethic versus the Greco-Roman world

A worker's appetite works for him, For his hunger urges him on. Proverbs 16:26 NASB

He also who is slack in his work Is brother to him who destroys. Proverbs 18:9 NASB

The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, For his hands refuse to work; Proverbs 21:25 NASB

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men. Proverbs 22:29 NASB

She looks for wool and flax and works with her hands in delight. Proverbs 31:13 NASB

C. Work as worship not worshipping our work

Their land has also been filled with idols; They worship the work of their hands, That which their fingers have made. Isaiah 2:8 NASB

I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. Jeremiah 1:16 NASB

Reflection:

1. *How do you show love toward your brother or sister?*
2. *How do you keep from worshipping your work and instead worship God? How do you worship God in your work?*