

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Thessalonians Bible Study — I Thessalonians 4:7-12

Lesson #6

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Thessalonians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

7 For God did NOT call us to UNCLEANNESS, but in HOLINESS.

• **Ephesians 4:23-24** “And be _____ in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the _____, which was _____ according to God, in _____ and true _____.”

• **II Corinthians 7:1** “Therefore, having these promises, Beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all _____ of the _____ and _____, perfecting _____ in the fear of God.”

• **Psalms 119:9 & 11** “How can a young man _____ his way _____? By keeping it according to Your _____.” (Verse 11)
“Your _____ I have hidden (treasured) in my _____, that I might _____ sin _____ You.”

Definition: “God did NOT call us to UNCLEANNESS, but in HOLINESS” – What is meant by “uncleanness”? There are a lot of “modern” terms that we use for certain sexual behaviors, such as masturbation, homosexual, heterosexual, pedophile, pornography, etc., which are not in the Bible. The reason they are not mentioned in the Bible **by those names** is because those are modern, recently-made-up terms, and they were not in use in the English language when the Bible was translated. Masturbation, pornography any other sexual sins would be **included under the category of “uncleanness” and sexual impurity**. This includes the area of **keeping our thoughts pure**, because there are most likely sensual, impure thoughts going through a person’s mind before they ever do the physical act. We need to be careful what we look at, listen to, and think about, so that our thought life is pure. Jesus says, in Matthew 5:28, that **looking at another person in a lustful way is already committing the sin of adultery**. All uncleanness whatsoever, whether adultery, fornication, or any other sort of uncleanness are works of darkness. God’s word, in Ephesians 5:11-12, says “it is a shame even to speak of the things that are done by many people in secret.” **All these things are contrary to PURITY in heart (thoughts), speech, and behavior, and therefore are contrary to that HOLINESS which the Lord desires for us, and even commands.**

• **Ephesians 2:3** “Among whom also we all _____ conducted _____ in the _____ of the _____, fulfilling the desires of the _____ and of the _____; and were by nature the children of wrath, just as others.”

• **Ephesians 5:11-12** “And have no fellowship with the _____ of _____, but rather expose them. For it is _____ even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.”

• **Matthew 5:27-28** “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit _____.’ But I say to you that whoever _____ at a woman to _____ for her has already committed _____ with her in his _____.”

• **Matthew 15:18-20** “But those _____ which proceed out of the mouth come from the _____, and they _____ a man. For out of the _____ proceed evil _____, murders, _____, _____, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the _____ which _____ a man...”

• **Philippians 4:7-8** “And the peace of _____ which surpasses all understanding, will _____ your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are _____, whatever things are of _____ report, if there is any _____ and if there is any _____ – meditate (think) on these things.”

• **I Corinthians 10:13** “No _____ has overtaken you except such as is _____ to _____; but _____ is _____, who will _____ allow you to be _____ beyond what you are _____, but _____ the _____ will also make a _____ of _____, that you may be _____ to _____ it.”

Definition: “FORNICATION” – ANY sexual intercourse other than between a man and woman married to each other.

Definition: “Whatever things are TRUE, whatever things are NOBLE, whatever things are PURE” – All this list of qualities includes things that are mentioned in the FRUIT of the SPIRIT, and in the LOVE chapter of I Corinthians 13, and the list of character qualities II Peter 1:5-8 says that we need to develop in our lives. Obviously, as Christians, we should be reading and meditating on God’s word, but we should also be careful of the other things we put in front of our eyes, or hear with our ears, as **NEGATIVE things will influence us in a harmful way.**

• **II Peter 1:5-8** “But also for this very reason giving all _____, _____ to your _____ virtue (moral excellence); and to _____ knowledge; and to knowledge _____ - _____; and to self-control perseverance (patience); and to perseverance _____; and to godliness brotherly _____; and to brotherly kindness _____. For if these are yours and abound, you will be _____ barren _____ unfruitful in the _____ of our Lord _____ Christ.”

8 Therefore he who **rejects this does NOT REJECT man, but GOD** who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

• **Luke 10:16** “He who hears you hears _____, he who _____ you _____ Me, and he who _____ Me _____ Him who sent _____.”

• **Acts 13:46** “Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, ‘It was necessary that the _____ of _____ should be spoken to you (the Jews) first; but since you _____ it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we _____ to the _____.’”

9-10 But concerning **BROTHERLY LOVE** you have no need that I should write to you, for **you yourselves are TAUGHT by GOD to LOVE one ANOTHER**; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more.

• **Romans 5:5** “Now hope does not disappoint, because the _____ of _____ has been _____ in our _____ by the _____ who was _____ to us.”

Definition: “BROTHERLY LOVE” – There are three kinds of love mentioned in the Bible: sensual, sexual love (the Greek word is *eros*), brotherly love (the Greek word is *phileo*), also called “brotherly kindness” in Second Peter 1:5-8, and God’s kind of love (the Greek word is *agape*). **God’s kind of love is sacrificial and giving, not selfish.** The Holy Spirit gives us the love of God in

our hearts.

• **I John 3:16** "By this we know _____, because _____ down His _____ for us. And _____ also ought to _____ our lives for the _____."

• **Romans 12:9-10** "Let _____ be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be _____ to _____ with _____, in honor giving preference to one another."

• **Philippians 2:3-4** "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you _____ one _____ as more _____ than _____; do _____ merely look out for your _____ personal _____, but also for the interests (welfare, well being) of _____."

• **I John 4:7-11 & 19** "Beloved, let us _____ one _____, for _____ is from _____; and everyone who _____ is born of God and knows God. He who does _____ love does _____ know _____, for _____ is _____. In this the _____ of _____ was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is _____, not that we _____ God, but that He _____ us and sent His _____ to be the propitiation (sacrifice) for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, _____ also _____ to _____ one _____." (Verse 19) "We _____ Him because He first _____ us."

Definition: "You yourselves are TAUGHT by GOD to LOVE one ANOTHER" – If we read the gospels and learn about the life of Jesus, we will see **how He LOVED everyone**, and we are told to follow His example. This is how we are "taught by God" - by reading and studying His word, and following the example of Jesus. But again, **we can't LOVE others with God's love unless we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said this LOVE would flow out of us, like streams of living water**, when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us and we are allowing Him to take control of our lives.

• **Matthew 11:29** "Take My yoke upon you and _____ from Me, for I am _____ and lowly in heart, and you will find _____ for your _____."

• **II Timothy 1:7** "For _____ has _____ given us a _____ of _____, but of power, and of _____, and of a sound mind."

• **John 7:37-39** "On the last day, that great day of the feast, _____ stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. _____ who _____ in _____, as the Scripture has said, _____ of his _____ will _____ rivers of living water.' But this He spoke concerning the _____, whom those _____ in Him would _____; for the _____ was _____ given, because _____ was not yet glorified."

• **I John 3:23-24** "And this is His _____, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and _____ one _____ as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides (dwells) in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the _____ whom _____ has _____ us."

11-12 That you also aspire **to lead a quiet life, to MIND your own BUSINESS, and to WORK with your own HANDS**, as we commanded you, that you may **WALK properly toward those who are OUTSIDE**, and that you may lack nothing.

• **Ephesians 4:28** "Let him who stole _____ no longer, but rather let

him labor, _____ with his _____ what is _____, that he may have something to _____ him who is in _____.”

● **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not _____ among you; nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge, but _____ with _____ and toil night and day, that we might not be a _____ to any of you, not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an _____ of how you should follow us. For we hear that there are some who _____ among you in a _____ manner, not _____ at all, but are _____. Now those who are such We command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they _____ in _____ and eat their _____ bread.”

● **I Peter 4:15** “But let _____ of you suffer as a _____, a _____, an _____, or as a _____ in other people’s _____.”

● **I Timothy 2:1-2** “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, _____, intercessions, and giving of _____ be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a _____ and _____ in all _____ and reverence.”

Definition: “WALK properly toward those who are OUTSIDE” – “Those on the outside” refers to non-believers, since they are “outside” of the church and kingdom of God. Jesus, in His earthly ministry, often spoke in parables, and He told His disciples what the parables meant, but those who heard Him and didn’t understand were those who were not really interested in following Christ anyway. To **“walk properly” before non-believers means that our life and witness to them must be Christlike and godly in our dealings with them.**

● **Mark 4:10-13** “But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve _____ Him about the _____. And He said to them, ‘To you it has been given to _____ the _____ of the _____ of _____; but to those who are _____, all things come in _____, so that “Seeing they may see and not _____, and _____ they may not _____; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them.”’

● **Romans 13:12-14** “The _____ is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of _____, and let us put on the armor of _____. Let us _____ (conduct our lives) _____, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but _____ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the _____, to fulfill its _____.”

● **Ephesians 5:15-17** “See then that you walk _____, not as _____ but as _____, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but _____ what the _____ of the _____ is.”

Definition: “Circumspectly” – To look around, be cautious, CAREFUL to consider all circumstances and **POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**. When we are living our lives in front of non-believers, **we need to consider the consequences of our words and actions**, as to whether they reflect Jesus Christ or our own character defects and shortcomings.

● **Matthew 5:16** “Let your _____ so shine before _____, that they may _____ your _____ and _____ your _____ in heaven.”