

SHARPENING YOUR SWORD

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 — AN INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Session 7 Homework — Feb 2, 2022

BY WAY OF REVIEW

> In 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Timothy brought back good news to Paul concerning the church at Thessalonica, telling him of their faith and love, their fond memories of Paul, and their desire to see him again. This greatly comforted Paul who was suffering his own afflictions and he is overwhelmed with thankfulness and joy. Praying night and day that he might see them again and perfect what is lacking in their faith, he offers a prayer that both the Father and Jesus the Son might direct his way back to them. He also prays that the Lord will help them abound in love to one another, and to establish their hearts blameless in holiness before God at the coming of Christ with all His saints.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 WALK IN HOLINESS

1 Read 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 daily to prepare for your study. The chapter gives us four ways the believer is to “walk” (or live ones life). Can you name them?

2 In verses 1-2, what did Paul “request” (ask, urge, or instruct) and “exhort” (urge or instruct) them to do? Then using Blue Letter Bible, define these words:

> Strong's #2065 request (Gk erotao):

> Strong's #3870 exhort (Gk parakaleo):

> Strong's #4052 excel (Gk perisseuo):

3 The Scriptures make it clear that we are to progress in our faith. Look up the following verses and record what you learn: Philippians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:3, 9-10.

> Ph 1:9

> 1 Th 3:12

> 1 Th 4:9-10

4 Why is it important for Christians to be urged to progress in their walks? What are the areas in which you need to progress? What specific steps will you take to do so?

5 What does verse 3 tell us about God's will? Define:

> Strong's 38 sanctification (Gk hagioismos):

> Strong's 567 abstain (Gk apecho):

> Strong's 4202 sexual immorality (Gk porneia):

6 How can sexual purity be maintained in a believer's life (vv 3-4)? What reason does Paul give for the immorality of "the Gentiles" in v 5?

> for believers:

> for Gentiles:

7 Why does Paul “solemnly” warn the believers not to “defraud (take advantage of) his brother” (v 6-7)?

8 According to verse 7, what is the purpose of “our calling”? Look up Leviticus 19:2; Ephesians 1:4; 4:19-24; 1 Peter 1:14-16. What do you learn?

> 1 Th 4:7

> Lev 19:2

> Eph 1:4; 4:19-24

> 1 Pet 1:14-16

9 In verse 8, if we reject Paul’s warning, who is it we are really rejecting?

10 Anyone who loves God surely wants to please Him. According to vv 1-8, what is a sure-fire way to please Him?