

LIVING TO PLEASE GOD

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Acts 17:1-9

INTO THE TOPIC (OPENING):

What was the last thing you made or created "from scratch"?

INTO THE WORD (STUDY):

- What three areas of lifestyle, discussed in vv. 1-12, most effect a Christian's ministry?
- What "behavioral psychology" is Paul using here? What is the guiding principle behind Paul's commands and warnings? What does this passage say to someone who has already made sexual mistakes?
- When urged to love "more and more," how do you suppose the Thessalonians felt about Paul's admonition?

Think Q.U.E.S.T.: *Do you still have a lingering **QUESTION**? What is particularly **UNEASY** for you or catches your attention? Is there an **EXHORTATION** or command in this passage? What is the **SETTING** (historical/cultural/linguistic context)? Is there a **TRUTH** to grasp?*

INTO MY LIFE (APPLICATION):

1. How will a lifestyle that bears witness to God affect sexual morality? Work relationships? Time priorities? Life group dynamics?
2. What do you say to someone who believes you can do anything you want, as long as you mind your own business (v. 11) and no one gets hurt (v. 6)? Would you say anything different to a Christian who believes the same thing about sexual freedom? If so, what?