

**First Thessalonians Study**  
**Questions for First Thessalonians 4:1-12**

The first two chapters of this letter to the Thessalonians Paul concerned himself with the Truth of the Gospel. Paul now instructs the Thessalonians on living to please God instead of themselves and reminds his converts that God calls believers to live holy lives.

1. Americans' culture is obsessed with enjoying and pleasing oneself. Summarize the main ideas found in verses 1-2 of chapter 4? What does Paul say is the objective of life? According to Paul, how are the Thessalonian believers living and what does he ask them to do regarding the way they are living?
  
2. In this chapter, Paul gives the basis for Christian Ethics and Morality. What does Paul say is the Will of God for their lives and what admonition does Paul give them in Verse 3? Summarize verse 4-8 in your own words.
  
3. What is the contrast that Paul makes between the believer and the unbeliever? What does Paul say is the ultimate reason for living lives of purity? How are the believers able to do what Paul commands? ( see 4:8 and Rom 12:1-2) If you are a believer in Christ, how is this contrast worked out in your life?
  
4. Read 1Thes 4:9-10. How does God cause our love to "increase more and more"? The word for love used here is "*agape*", which is the kind of love that God has for us. How important is emotion in this kind of love? If this love is not produced by feelings, how is it produced? What changes are you going to make in your life because of the challenge that Paul gives us in these verses?
  
5. What do verses 11-12 say is the aspiration of a Christian's life? What are the three commands that Paul gives us in verses 11-12? What's wrong with being financially dependent on other people if we are physically able to work and not raising children? How is work a testimony to others? How do we lead a quiet life and still share the gospel?