

4. What kind of lives should we live (*1 Thessalonians 4:11*; cf. *Proverbs 10:4*)? Did Paul and his companions model this sort of life (*Acts 18:3*; *20:34*; *2 Thessalonians 3:7-8*)? What is the connection between brotherly love and working diligently to provide for your own needs?

5. Are you living this sort of disciplined life, or are you depending selfishly on others to meet your needs (cf. *Proverbs 26:14-15*)? Why is laziness and lack of discipline damaging to the gospel (*1 Thessalonians 4:12*; *2 Thessalonians 3:10*)?

6. What steps can you take this week to make sure you are not slacking off in light of the imminent return of Jesus Christ? How do you need to think and act differently so as to be adequately prepared for His return (*Luke 12:35-38*)?

Memory Verse:

“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you.”
(*1 Thessalonians 4:11, NIV*)