

**HOW CAN WE LIVE A LIFE THAT EXCELS IN CHRIST?
LOVING THE BRETHREN THROUGH SPIRIT LED PERSONAL OBEDIENCE
Thessalonians 4:9-12**

- I. WE ARE TO BE EXCELLING STILL MORE IN OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER (9-10)
 - A. **Understand the basis for love:** God has taught and teaches you to love the brethren (9)

 - B. **Be encouraged if you are loving the brethren** (the Thessalonians were) (10a)

 - C. **Yet...Excel Still More** (10b)

- II. **THREE UNUSUAL EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE OF THE BRETHREN (specific areas of obedience) WE ARE TO EXCEL STILL MORE IN (11)**
 - A. Love them by **Leading a quiet life** - Do not be fanatical, emotional drain on the Body of Christ

 - B. Love them by **Minding your own business** - Do not be a relational drain on the Body of Christ

 - C. Love them by **Working hard** - Do not be a financial drain on the Body of Christ

- III. **THE RATIONALE FOR SUCH OBEDIENCE (LOVE): So that you walk properly, loving not stumbling unbelievers or draining believers (12)**