



Title | Captivating Our Culture
Series | Living Like He's Coming
Text | 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
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Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, **10** for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, **11** and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, **12** so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

John 12:32 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10. Who and why were the Thessalonians to love?

Tuesday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12. In verse 11, what are the three things Paul calls the believers to do? In verse 12, what are the two reasons given for doing them? What is the connection between working and being dependent on no one? What is the connection between working and walking properly toward outsiders? What is the connection between living quietly, minding your own affairs, and walking properly (attractively) before outsiders?

Wednesday:

Read John 12:32; 13:34-35; Titus 2:9-10. How do these verses relate to what Paul is saying in 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12? What does it mean to draw or to captivate our world?

Thursday:

How do you feel about the idea that our Christian role is neither to imitate nor to agitate our world, but to captivate it? What questions does it raise? How can you apply it?

Friday:

What things could you do that might diminish your ability to captivate your world? What things could enhance it?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to love as you love. By your Spirit, help me to discern how to walk properly before outsiders, living quietly, minding my own affairs, and working diligently, that I may captivate outsiders for Christ. Amen.

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