**Application Points For Our Lives in 1 Thessalonians and 2 Timothy**

**This passage is so closely related to blamelessness and holiness—verse 7 even specifies it.**

* **Additionally, this passage like many, hold a key (“A KEY”) to the application of:**
	+ “HOW GOD WANTS US TO LIVE?”
* **But there’s a progression of being able to apply the truths of God’s Word:**
	+ First, it all starts with obedience, and the question of:
		- “*Will I obey?*”
		- The example we have in Daniel was: Daniel said ‘YES’, and then he DID IT! He obeyed!
			* He purposed in his heart.
		- See, if you won’t obey. . .
			* If you know you are not going to walk the way God says, then of course you’re going to fail;
				+ You’ll find yourself stuck in Romans 7 cycle.

*“I do what I don’t wanna do, and I don’t do what I wanna do, which I know to be right!”*

* + **So number one:** I hereby exhort you all that:
		- **God has called you you to holiness, blamelessness, cleanness, and purity!**
* After we choose holiness, then I believe the Lord begins to show us very specific things in our lives:
	+ Some things that must be removed from us;
	+ Some things just simple direction: Go here or there
		- **Study to be quiet**—1 Thessalonians 4:11
		- **Study to show yourself approved**—2 Timothy 2:15
		- **Be partaker of the fruits, but then labor**—2 Timothy 2:6
			* In 1 Thessalonians 4:2, Paul says, “*For you know the commandments that we gave you. . .*”
				+ If you don’t know what he’s talking about, then as a “*good soldier of Jesus Christ*”, (2 Timothy 2:3) then you must resolve your next move:

What will it take? Either

go back and assess your call to obedience; or

go back and assess the admonition study to:

“*be quiet*”; and

“show *yourself approved.*”

**1 Thessalonians 4**

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

**3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**

**4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;**

**5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:**

**6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.**

**7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.**

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

**11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;**

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**2 Timothy 2**

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

**3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of [this] life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, [yet] is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

**6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.**

**7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.**

8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, [even] unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 [It is] a faithful saying: For if we be dead with [him], we shall also live with [him]:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us:

13 If we believe not, [yet] he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put [them] in remembrance, charging [them] before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, [but] to the subverting of the hearers.

**15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

16 But shun profane [and] vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. **And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

**24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all [men], apt to teach, patient,**

**25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;** if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And [that] they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

I still get amazed and blown away by how the Lord works so many little details into my life:

It’s like He’s weaving His perfect truth in an out of and around my thoughts!

But I have to testify that none of this would happen if I wasn’t making the time to do the study.

**As I look at these passages, beginning with 1 Thessalonians 4:11:**

*And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;*

**Then in preparing for the Nursing Home, studying the Book of Lamentations (3:21-26),**

*21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.*

*22 It is of the Lord 's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.*

*23 They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.*

*24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.*

*25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.*

*26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.*

**And put that together with one of my life verses, Micah 6:7-8:**

*7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, [or] with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn [for] my transgression, the fruit of my body [for] the sin of my soul?*

*8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

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