

## FOR CHILDREN:

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10. These Christians had been doing a good job of expressing their love and care for one another because they copied God's example. There are many ways we learn what real love is from God. One important thing about love that we learn from God is that people don't have to earn it. We don't have to do anything for God for Him to love us. Of course, it might seem easier to love others because of something they can offer us: They might have a toy that we want to play with, or give us stuff we want, or do chores for us that we don't want to do. But real love is simply caring about people because God cares about them. We don't ask for anything in return. The Thessalonian Christians had learned this part about love from God because He sent Jesus to save them from their sins even though they didn't do anything to earn it. Now they were taking care of one another without expecting anything in return. Give it a try this week and meet a need for someone in your church family. It may be something material, or it may just be sharing a scripture, a prayer, or an encouraging word. Show that you love simply because you can and because you are copying God!

### Weekly Affirmation:

**TODAY I WILL EXCEL  
EVEN MORE!**

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"For God has not called us for impurity,  
but in sanctification."

1 Thessalonians 4:7

## FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read 1 Thess. 4:1-2 & 5:12-13. When it comes to our sanctification, the process never ends while on this earth. That doesn't mean we put it off though. God has given us His Holy Spirit to renew our minds, and that will change our actions. God has also called out leaders in our church family to help teach us and guide us. So, prayerfully consider these two things this week: 1. What is the next thing that God is pursuing to change/renew/sanctify in your life? 2. Ask for some instruction or help in that area from a leader in your church family, or ask how they could see you going to the next level in your service to God and His church. Remember that God's desire is to see His people connected and building one another up!

### AUGUST 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians.
- Watch the Bible Project video on 1 & 2 Thessalonians (available on the website).
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- Listen to or sing a hymn or praise song as part of your daily devotion time each week

## FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read 1 Thess. 4:9-12. The Thessalonian Christians had been having some trouble amongst themselves. Some had grown complacent and lazy, others were picking up the slack and growing weary both in body and heart. There were two consequences: 1.) It was distracting the church body from honoring Christ. 2.) It was setting a bad example to outsiders that were just waiting for more ammo to persecute Christians. So, consider the following in prayer: If you are beginning to grow weary from doing a lot, seek out others from the church to call alongside you in a task, perhaps God is working on them to grow in their service to His church. And if you think you can do more for the Lord's church, pick up a task to help out. Doing so honors Jesus and is to your benefit. And for all: remember that the world is watching: our example of providing physically and spiritually for one another should be so clear that no fault can be found!