**Excel Still More**

 **Lesson 10 - 1 Thess. 4:9-12**

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**“**Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are **taught by God** to **love one another**; **10**for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to **EXCEL STILL MORE**, **11**and to make it your ambition to **lead a quiet life** and **attend to your own business** and **work with your hands**, just as we commanded you, **12**so that you will [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+4&version=NASB1995" \l "fen-NASB1995-29616i" \o "See footnote i)]**behave properly toward outsiders** and [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29616j)]**not be in any need.”**

1. Taught by God (v. 9) - Two strong forces:
2. Ministry of the H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 16)
3. Power of God’s Word to T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:97-100; Pr. 1:5-6; 2:2-6)
4. What Does God’s Spirit Teach Us? (v. 9)

To love one another with ***agape*** love which is Un\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (John 13:34-35)

Other “loves” (Greek): *phileo, eros, storge*

1. Flows from indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
2. Developed through P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10; 1 John 2:9-11, Rom. 12:9-10) and thwarted through D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Is not given according to the character of the R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but according to the character of the G \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:14-18. We love in D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (example: Psalm 71)
4. Our walk with God is not a P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 10:25; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-17). Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:35-40)
5. The call to be like Christ (Phil. 2:2-11)

“Regard one another as more I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than yourselves.

How is this fleshed out? (1 Cor. 13)

1. Competent to Counsel (Gal. 6:6; Rom. 15:14)

DISCIPLESHIP: Part of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18)

1. How do we “Excel Still More”? (Eph. 4; Heb. 6:20)
2. Speaking the T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. “If your brother sins…” (Matt. 18:15-17)
4. The GOAL is always R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the underbelly of *agape* LOVE.

HANDOUT: Scriptural “One Anothers”



