

Until thought is linked with purpose there is no logical conclusion.

Strength can only be attained by effort.

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The last thing that Ephesians hits on is prayer, 6:18, 19.

Prayer is commanded in every epistle. Pray about everything.

You're always studying how you can be better.

If you want to win you have to have your head in the game.

People will look at the thing that they are interested in, therefore you have to be immaculate all the time and you have to present the Word in an appetizing manner.

You can't be a wallflower if you're going to be a leader. You've got to push yourself.

You have to make up your mind and get it right.

People will read and follow you first before they will read the Word, that's why we have to have self-control like Walter talked about last week.

Walter Cummins

I Thessalonians 4:9 – brotherly love – philadelphia

Love (second occurrence) – agape – the love of God, or Godly love

Romans 12:10 – brotherly love – philadelphia – These two places are the only places this is used in the church epistles except in salutations and they refer to a natural human love.

I Thessalonians 4:9, 10 – The world can have brotherly love but not agape love except if it is stained or tainted.

4:11-21 – Some of these things natural man can do but he cannot put them all together.

I Peter 1:22 – This verse has both phileo and agape

II Peter 1:7 – brotherly kindness – phileo
Charity – agape

If you master agape you won't need to worry about phileo. With the greater the lesser just follows along.

I Thessalonians 4:9

You need to get your need and your knowledge lined up.

“Ye need not...”

Some texts read;

“We need not...”

“I need not...”

“You need not...”

The context clearly shows that it should be “We need not...”

The translators of the King James Version tried to line this verse up with 5:1. But the context does not support that.

They had no need to write unto them concerning this topic of love, because they had been taught how to practice agape.

“Taught of God” – theodidaktos – Literally “God taught”

How? By revelation, by the Word both spoken and written.

I Thessalonians 4:10 – The question was not a that they were walking, but that they improve the quality of there walk more and more.

Beseech – encourage

Increase – abound (as in vs. 3:12 and 4:1), to be overflowing

Yatar – super abound

4:11 – study – philotimeomai – consider it an honor, have as you ambition, exert yourself from a sense of love and honor, strive earnestly, put forth strength from the love that one has for himself.

Romans 15:19, 20 – strived – philotimeomai – he considered it an honor to preach the gospel.

II Corinthians 5:9 – Put in the necessary strength to get the job done.

I Thessalonians 4:11 – study – in Aramaic b pat – be diligent

Study to by quiet – FOS oxymoron – looks contradictory, looks foolish but it is exceedingly wise.

Hebrews 4:11 – labor – spudazo – serious work

To enter into that rest – rest – FOS oxymoron, the work comes first then the rest

II Corinthians 8:2 – twice the FOS oxymoron is used

12:10 – This really sounds absurd

I Thessalonians 4:11 – quiet - undisturbed peace from the inside, the calm in the center of the storm.

You can be really ambitious and still have internal peace.

4:11 – do – prasso – make a practice out of something. In Aramaic 'yna – occupied or engrossed in or engaged in, not just doing it once
work – ergazomai – to work
with your own hands – in the eastern culture sometimes the slaves would do their work for them.
command – parangello – charge or give orders

II Thessalonians 3:1-14 – Very sharp commands; this separates the men from the boys.

1. Don't yell at everyone else for what you yourself ought to be doing.
2. Don't ask someone else to do what you won't do.
3. You work with others so be the good example not the bad.
4. Don't meddle in affairs that don't concern you.

I Thessalonians 4:12 – that – expresses results

Honestly – euschemonos – in good form, elegant in figure and bearing with grace and dignity. (I Cor. 14:40 & Rom. 13:13)

I Peter 3:2 – chaste conversation – your bearing should be with grace so when people see you they can respect you.

I Corinthians 7:13-16 – Your believing sanctifies the unbelievers or children that chose to be with you. You cannot compromise on the Word and become worldly, you must maintain your honesty with God.

Colossians 4:5 – Walk in wisdom toward them that are without (outside the household of God). **Learn how to live in the world without being part of the world.**

I Thessalonians 4:12 – They were having a problem with believers that were not working or providing for themselves that were mooching off of other believers or their families. They were walking dishonestly.

Psalms 37:25 – The righteous will not miss out on anything. God takes care of His own.

Proverbs 30:8 – All a true believer wants is that which is necessary to live.

I Thessalonians 4:12 – If you walk honestly you will lack for nothing.
3:13 – We were set apart.

4:3 – We are sanctified.

4:7 – We were called to holiness.

Philippians 2:15 – If you shine as a light in the world but not of the world and you will have no need. You shine when you walk in wisdom and honesty towards unbelievers, you don't have to shun them to walk in wisdom and honesty.

This is how you abound in love.

Think on this for a while...does your life line up? Do you walk in wisdom and honesty with unbelievers? Do you walk like a Son/Daughter of God?