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1 Thessalonians 4 Living To Please God Lisa Osteen Comes

1. Live in a way that pleases God. *1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Acts 2*

- The key to living a holy life is the Holy Spirit within you.
- He will empower you to live a holy and pure life that pleases God.
- God has equipped you with His Word, His armor, and His power.
- When you choose what pleases God, you will live a blessed life.
- We are to stay away from sexual sin.
- We must refuse to allow ungodly passions to control us.

2. Grow and develop in your love walk. *1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

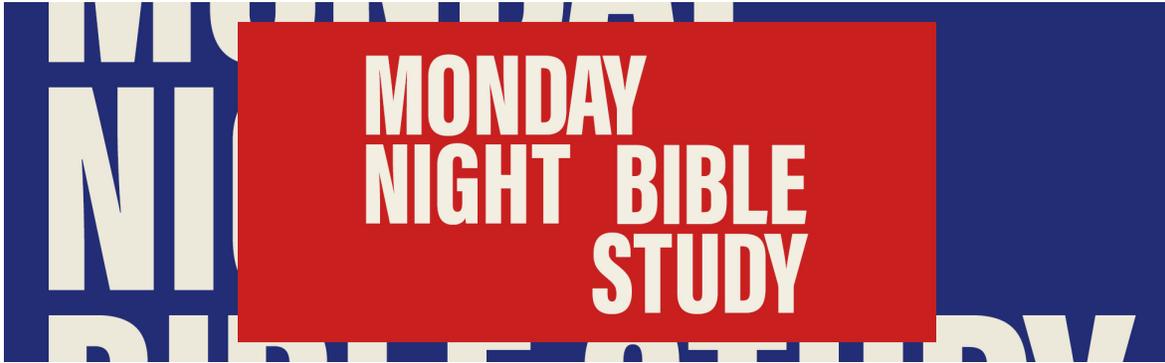
- We are commanded to love each other.
- When we know someone has done wrong, let's pray for them.
- As God has loved us, we should love one another.

3. Be diligent in work. Be diligent to provide for your family. *1 Thessalonians 4:11-12*

- Lead a calm and peaceful life by being diligent in work – to earn and not depend on others.
- Diligence means that you do your part while keeping your faith and trust in God. *Proverbs 13:4; Colossians 3:23*
- If you are diligent, God will cause you to be promoted, noticed, and influential.

4. Live with hope concerning your eternal future. *1 Thessalonians 13-18*

- Despite grief and loss, even death cannot separate Christians from the love of Jesus.
 - A. We do not sorrow like the world.
 - B. The same word for “sleep” is also used for death.
 1. Spiritual death: to be separated from God. *Ephesians 2:4*



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2. Physical death: the separation of our physical body from our spirit. *Ecclesiastes 12:7*
3. Eternal life: a free gift offered to anyone through accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. *Colossians 5:8*
4. Eternal death: to spend eternity separated from God forever in hell. *Revelation 20:14; Matthew 25:41*

C. Jesus will return one day and “rapture” the Church.

Additional Scripture References: John 5:24; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:5