

A BROTHERLY LOVE

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

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Main Idea: A life pleasing to God is one marked by continual brotherly love and orderly living.

A LOVE FOR THE BROTHERS v.9-10

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- ROOTED IN GOD

John 15:12-13, ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1 John 3:16-18; ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

- CONTINUALLY GROWING

1Thess. 3:12: and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

A LIFE OF ORDER v.11-12 *and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.*

- PEACEFUL LIVING

Jesus said, ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- OUR OWN LABOR

Col 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ..