

Pray for Your Church

- **Pray for our Summer Youth Camps and Missions Trips.** Pray that lives would be changed and souls saved through these opportunities.
- **Pray for our Student and Children's Ministries.** Pray for the many upcoming opportunities they have to make much of Jesus. Pray that souls would be saved.
- **Pray for Pastor Travis.** He has a heavy load as he shares our burdens and provides leadership for our church family.

Pray For Our Country

- **Pray for the salvation of all who remain lost.** Pray that they would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- **Pray for current leadership** including President Donald Trump, Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, Governor Glen Youngkin, Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earl Sears, and Attorney General Jason Miyares that they would lead with wisdom and in accordance with God's will.
- **Pray for unity within our country.** Pray that we find ways to share God's love (the Gospel) with those with whom we may disagree.

Sermon Notes

You Will Be My Witnesses:

The Gospel According To Your Life
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

5. Grow in _____ (1Thess 4:9-10)

The Greek the word love is philadelphia, which means brotherly love, the **very special love that exists between the brothers** and sisters who truly cherish each other.

Jesus already taught and commanded them to love one another.
(Jn 13:34-35, 15:12, 1Jn 4:21, Rom 12:9, 1 Pet 4:8, 1Jn 2:10)

6. Live in _____ (1Thess 4:11)

The word "study" here means to be ambitious, to strive eagerly, to seek with all energy that a person has. **The use** of the very word here **shows** the **supreme importance of quietness.**

Thessalonica was facing two critical problems.

- The problem of **persecution**
(1Thess 1:6, 2:14)
- The problem of **criticism** and **divisiveness** (1Thess 2:3)

Many have forgotten the lost art of being quiet.

7. Mind Your _____ (1Thess 4:11)

What is it that causes a person to meddle in the business of others? A person meddles because they...

- Are critical by nature
- Fail to see their own shortcomings and failures
- Fail to look after their own affairs like they should
- Because they don't have enough to do

The busybody needs to commit his life to undertake the mission of Christ.

Minding your own business is series business.

8. Get To _____ (1Thess 4:9-12)

The Thessalonian believers became excited over the return of the Lord and the promise of being with Him forever, but some took it too far.

They quit their jobs and gave away all that they had, and the result was catastrophic. **They were now having to mooch off the other believers in order to survive**

- One the purposes for which we were put her on this earth was to work. (Gen 2:15, 1:28)

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you
1 Thessalonians 4:11