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### The Greatest Event of the Bible:

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God..." (v. 16)

### How Should I Respond?

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"Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the lord will come like a thief in the night." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-2
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"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this."

- C.S. LEWIS, MERE CHRISTIANITY

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"...And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words." (vv. 17-18)



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# WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT ~~WRONG~~ **RIGHT**

## LIVING A GOD-HONORING LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RETURN!

### 1 THESSALONIANS – PART 4

#### A STUDY ON 1 THESSALONIANS WEEKLY CHAPTER THEMES

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
<b>THE RIGHT MOTIVE</b> Christ's Heart	<b>THE RIGHT METHOD</b> Christ's Strategy	<b>THE RIGHT METTLE</b> Christ's Strength	<b>THE RIGHT MASTER</b> Christ's Authority	<b>THE RIGHT MINDSET</b> Christ's Return
"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love..." (v. 3)	"You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed..." (v. 5)	"For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord." (v. 8)	"For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus." (v. 2)	"But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief." (v. 4)

### INTRODUCTION – (vv. 1-2)

<sup>1</sup>As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## STEPS TO A GOD-HONORING LIFE

### 1 Pursue Purity ... in the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup>It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup>not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. <sup>7</sup>For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. (vv. 3-8)

#### Two Unavoidable Sexual Truths:

1. Sex can be \_\_\_\_\_

2. Sex can be \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Win Influence ... in the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup>Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. <sup>10</sup>And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup>and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, <sup>12</sup>so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. (vv. 9-12)

#### Three Areas Where We Win Respect:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
"You yourselves have been taught by God to love each other." (v.9)  
"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." 1 PETER 4:8

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hand..." (v.11)

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"So that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders..." (v.12)  
"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 PETER 2:12  
"For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people." 1 PETER 2:15

### 3 Stay encouraged in the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words. (vv. 13-18)

#### Four Sources of Encouragement

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
"According to the Lord's word, we tell you..." (v. 15)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about **those who sleep** in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope." (v. 13)