

1 THESSALONIANS

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John 17:11-21

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Why might the Apostle Paul say that the Thessalonian believers “have no need for anyone to write to you” on the subject of love, given the fact that he has already written about it and will continue to write about it (v. 9)?
2. How does God teach us “to love one another”?
3. The apostle uses two different words for “love” in v. 9: *philadelphia* (“brotherly love”) and *agapao* (noun, *agape*). Do a little research. How do these two words differ? And why does Paul conjoin them?
4. What three workplace directives does Paul give the Thessalonians (v. 11)?

What may be behind this (c.f., 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12)?

5. Discuss why, and how, these directives are so important in the life of a believer (v. 12).

Review Jesus' prayer in John 17:11-21. Identify what the Lord says about the relationship of His disciples (and by extension, *us*) to the world.

What does 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 add to this?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will excel still more in my love for others this week by . . .

I will work toward the goal of a quiet life this week by . . .

I will behave properly toward "outsiders" this week by . . .