

“THE BEHAVIOR GOD EXPECTS”

I Thessalonians 4:1-12; 5:12-28

MAIN IDEA: The conduct of the believer must fit God’s requirements.

An Outline of I Thessalonians:

I. PAUL’S LOOK AT HIS COMING (1:1-2:16)

II. PAUL’S LONGING FOR HIS CONVERTS (2:17-3:13)

III. PAUL’S LESSONS FOR THEIR CONDUCT (4-5)

A. Concerning Purity (4:1-8)

B. Concerning Love (4:9-12)

C. Concerning Prophecy (4:13-5:11)

D. Concerning Church Leaders (5:12-13)

E. Concerning All Men (5:14-15)

F. Concerning the Christian Life in General (5:16-24)

Conclusion (5:25-28)

I. CONCERNING HOLY LIVING (4:1-8)

A. The Command for Holy Living (4:1-2)

B. The Content of Holy Living (4:3-6)

C. The Cause for Holy Living (4:3-8)

II. CONCERNING BROTHERLY LOVE (4:9-12)

A. Commendation Concerning Love (4:9-10)

B. Correction Concerning Labor (4:11-12)

III. CONCERNING CHURCH LEADERS (5:12-13)

A. Responsibilities to the Leaders (5:12a, 13a)

B. Responsibilities of the Leaders (5:12b)

C. Responsibilities to One Another (5:13b)

IV. CONCERNING RELATIONAL LIMITS (5:14-15)

A. Principles of Ministry (5:14)

B. Prohibition of Retaliation (5:15)

V. CONCERNING PERSONAL LIFE (5:16-18)

A. Rejoice evermore (5:16).

B. Pray without ceasing (5:17).

C. Give thanks in everything (5:18).

VI. CONCERNING CHURCH LIFE (5:19-24)

A. Be yielded (5:19).

B. Be discerning (5:21-22).

C. Be holy (5:21-24).

CONCLUSION (5:25-28)

