1 Thessalonians 4 • Characteristics of the Christian Life

1. (v.1-2) The primary focus is to put into **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** what we already **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
2. (v.3a) God assesses us based on our commitment to be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and devoted **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to Him.
3. (v.3b-8) Sanctification is the sum or our choices to behave according to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** rather than our own **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
4. (v.9-12) Biblical sanctification is characterized by biblical **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that applies to biblical **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to our personal **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** both inside and outside the Church.
5. (v.13-18) Biblical **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** testifies to future End Times events through a biblically **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** life.

***This provides the fulfillment of 1:3-4 individually:***

1. The “*work of* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, being personally obedient as in a faithful marital relationship with Christ.
2. The “*labor of* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, not being satisfied with the status quo.
3. The “*steadfastness of* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” is the knowledge that this life’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** are an extension of the next.

***This provides the fulfillment of 1:3-4 corporately:***

1. The “*work of* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” is maintaining **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** relationships with others.
2. The “*labor of* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” is living a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** exemplary life as a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to others, being neither an emotional nor physical **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to others.
3. The “*steadfastness of* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” is mutual **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of our future life in Christ.

Each aspect of the personal application fulfills the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to love God with all our heart, soul and mind; each aspect of the group application fulfills the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to love our neighbor as our self.