

## 1 Thessalonians 4 • Characteristics of the Christian Life

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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 of 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.