

PROGRESSING IN LOVE

I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Theme: Two important objects of the believer's love

WBC, Sunday a.m. and p.m., January 17, 2016, Pastor Dan Unruh

I. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CHRISTIANS WHO ARE AWAKE

(1-12)

A. Make Progress in Christian Living (1-8)

1. In Your Conduct Generally (1-2)

2. In Your Conduct Explicitly (3-8)

B. Make Progress in Christian Living (9-12)

1. Love of Brother (9-10) *phil-adelphia*

a. The Importance of Love (9)

Has to do, not only with brotherhood, but also brotherly love.

In 1 John 3:14 love for your Christian brother/sister is presented as an evidence of brotherly love.

"To love one another" is not only continual, it is eternal!

b. The Extent of Love (10)

Your love for your brothers/sisters in Christ should extend beyond acquaintances in your neighborhood.

2. Love of Household (11-12) *philo-timeomai*

a. Regarding your Household (11)

1) The Honor of your own Household -- *be quiet*

2) The Honor of your own Household -- *do your own business*

a) Household business is none of neighbor's business

b) Household business of none of neighbor's business

3) The Honor of your own Household -- *work with your own hands*

b. Regarding your Household (12)

"Honestly" is a compound adverb that means having "good character"

An honorable household ethic presents and honorable witness to those on the outside.

"People outside the churches have a right to watch the conduct of professing Christians in business, domestic life, social life, politics." (A. T. Robertson)

II. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CHRISTIANS WHO ARE ASLEEP

(13-18)