

sermon notes

May 8, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Called | “Love and Work Hard” | 1 Thess 4:9-12

Paul’s instruction to the church:

- 1) Love _____ (4:9-10)
- 2) Live _____ (4:11a)
- 3) Work _____ (4:11b-12)

How can we show φιλαδελφία in the church?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Four enemies of hard work from Proverbs:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

What does the Greek word φιλαδελφία (*philadelphia*) mean? How is it different from romantic love and *agape* love? Why should we, as followers of Christ, love one another? List some practical ways that φιλαδελφία is demonstrated in the church.

What does a “quiet life minding our own affairs” look like for a Christian (4:11)? Why does Paul want us to “aspire” to this? Is it possible to live a quiet life and also be a bold witness for Jesus? How do we live these out simultaneously in the Christian life?

GET PERSONAL

Do you have a genuine love for your brothers and sisters in Christ? Give examples of how you display love in deed and truth (not just word and talk). Are there people that you hate or need to forgive? Is there a specific area in which God is convicting you to love another person in the church?

What are the dangers of living in isolation from a church community (see Prov 18:1)? How do Christians (even church-going Christians) isolate themselves? What are the gradual steps that eventually lead to isolation? How do you combat isolating tendencies in your own life?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read the following verses in Proverbs on hard work and industriousness (10:4-5; 12:11; 12:24, 27; 13:4; 13:25; 14:4; 19:15; 19:24; 20:13; 20:21; 21:5). Does hard work come naturally to you? What are some things that keep people from working hard? How do you prayerfully balance your responsibilities at the office, at home, and at church?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Is work a curse? Why or why not? Do you sometimes view your work as a curse (or as cursed)? What’s right and what’s wrong with that attitude? Explain how Colossians 3:23 relates to your daily tasks. Do you view your work as an act of worship? If you don’t, how would you go about cultivating an attitude of worship and thankfulness in your work?