

ANTI COMPLACENCY COURSE

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based on the 35 instructions in 1 Thessalonians 4 & 5

NOTES FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

Aim: 'to learn how to live in order
to please God more and more'

COURSE PLAN

sample below for preview

SESSION 1 - **complacency free**

for the rest of the course contact us

SESSION 2 - **holiness friendly**

SESSION 3 - **love focussed**

SESSION 4 - **hope minded**

SESSION 5 - **time conscious**

SESSION 6 - **leaders friendly**

SESSION 7 - **socially skilled**

SESSION 8 - **joy seeker**

SESSION 9 - **prayer friendly**

SESSION 10 - **cynicism free**

SESSION 1 - complacency free

good to read the whole letter at this point;
 . fulfilling the last instruction in chap. 5 verse 27

'I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all'

Initial comments: suggested summary

- Chapter 1 (see also Acts 17) = writers and recipients of letter first contact
- chapter 2 = the way the writers worked among them and their separation
- chapter 3 = reason for Timothy's visit and his report
 - . **Question:** how do you think the Thessalonians would have felt after reading this? (Yes, well pleased!!!)
- final chapters, 4 & 5: 35 instructions coming from not frustration but satisfaction inviting further progress

re Read 1 Thessalonians 4 verses 1 and 2

What is this passage about ?

What could these verses be called ?

'brothers', what about 'sisters' ?

What is the instruction here ?

'to do this = ?

Suggested discussion pointers

- any questions / comments / opinions ?
- suggested points of discussion if necessary
 - . 'we instructed you'
 - . 'as in fact you are living'
 - . was it always the case ?
 - . 'to do this (pleasing God) more and more'
 - . 'you know'
 - . 'by the authority of the Lord Jesus'

Actions to take

(recapitulation if time permits)

- to show humility concerning being instructed
- to live out instructions
- be aware of being pleasing to God
- willing & praying to please Him more and more
- being open to God wanting us to instruct others