

ANTI COMPLACENCY COURSE

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DISCUSSION

SHEETS

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

COURSE PLAN

Title: [The Anti Complacency Course](#) (35 instructions)

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Sample for preview

SESSION 1 - complacency free (4:1 & 2)

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SESSION 2 - holiness friendly (4:3 to 8)
SESSION 3 - love focussed (4:9 to 12)
SESSION 4 - hope minded (4:13 to 18)
SESSION 5 - time conscious (5:1 to 11)
SESSION 6 - leader friendly (5:12 & 13a)
SESSION 7 - socially skilled (5:13b to 15)
SESSION 8 - joy seeker (5:16)
SESSION 9 - prayer friendly (5:17 & 18)
SESSION 10 - cynicism free (5:19 to 21)

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SESSION 1 - complacency free

- ① 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'

- ② **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

- ③ **re Read** 1 Thessalonians 4 verses 1 and 2

- ④
- What is this passage about ?**
- What could these verses be called ?**
- 'brothers', what about 'sisters' ?**
- What is the instruction here ?**
- 'to do this = ?**

⑤ **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'

⑥ **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