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4 Masters, proide your slaves with what is right as fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Further Astructions

Deva's yourselves to prayer, being hand. Remember my chains Grace watche and thankful. And pray for us, you,

16 After this letter see that it is also read in church of the Laodiceans and that you can read the en read to you, letter from Laodicea.

17Tell Archippus: "See to it wu complete the work you have recent in the Lord.

181, Paul, write this greeting in

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- ◆ That God would allow them to return to Thessalonica cf. 3:11; 2:17,18; Acts 16:6-10; Rom. 1:10
- ◆ That the LORD cause them to increase and abound in LOVE 3:12; 4:9-12; cf. John 13:34; Acts 4:32; Phili. 1:9; Col. 1:4-11; 1 Cor. 13; 1 Jno. 2:10; 3:11, 14-19, 23; 4:7-16; etc. ...

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- ◆ At the coming of the LORD

 This is the third time in three
 chapters that Paul refers to this
 event 3:13; cf. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; also
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- ★ We MUST follow, & abound in, what we have been taught 4:1; cf. 2 Thes 1:3; Mat. 28:20; 1 Cor. 15:58; Rom 12:1,2; Col. 1:10; Phili 1:27; 2:12; 1 John 3:22;
- ♦ The LORD's commands can be known & followed 4:2; cf.
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 - ◆ To be holy 1 Pet 1:13-16
 - ♦ By the Spirit 1 Co. 1:30; 6:11. Ep. 5:26, 27. 2 Th. 2:13. Tit. 2:14. 1 Pe. 1:2.
 - ★ Through the Word of God In 17:17; 2 Thes. 2:13,14; 1 Pet. 1:22,23
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 - ★ A life that MUST be learned Mat 11:28-30; 28:20; Rom. 12:2; Heb 5:12-14; Eph. 5:17
 - ◆ Possessing one's own vessel (body) in sanctification and honor cf. 2 Tim. 2:20-22;
 - ◆ Not making provision for fulfilling the lusts of the flesh like those who walk in ignorance Ro 13:13-14; Ep 4:17-19

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Lessons & Applications For Us



- ♦ We Need To Increase & Abound In Love (3:11-13)
- ♦ An Exhortation To Walk In Holiness (4:1-8)
- ♦ An Exhortation To Walk In Love (4:9-10)
- ♦ An Exhortation To Walk In Hard Work & Personal Responsibility (4:11-12)

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⁷ as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

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¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.