

It's not always easy to keep on the right path doing the right things. Often we are tempted to take a short cut or disobey a rule because it's too much work to do the right thing or it's simply inconvenient.

There are many different situations in life in which we may be tempted to take a "short cut" even when we know it may not be the right thing to do. Maybe it's at work, maybe at home, maybe on the highway or wherever it may be. It may seem ok to do, but down deep you know it is not the right and good thing to do.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:1, we are challenged to live lives that are pleasing to God. Think about it. God has called us to pray that the evil one will be discouraged and held off. If we seek God and pray through each situation, we know the ultimate good will be the outcome. See Romans 8:28

Sometimes, it's tough and tiring to keep pursuing good: somebody annoys you and you want to display your impatience, somebody says something nasty and you want to retaliate, you do all the work and just for once you want to relax and sit back and make others do the work instead. God has a different standard though. His standard is one of always striving for excellence and maintaining a high level of integrity. His is a standard of doing good no matter what the cost or consequence.

Our challenge is to cement a discipline in our lives of always doing good, working hard, praying continually and to be responsible. Maintain a high level of integrity.

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2 Thessalonians 3

### **Make prayer a Pattern**

Ps 32:6 Jer 42:3 1Pe 4:7

### **Watch Your walk**

1Th 4:1 Col 1:9-10

### **Follow The Path of responsibility**

Pr 24:30-31 Acts 20:35