

**Series: 1 Thessalonians**

**Sermon: Silent, Sweaty, and Simple**

**Bible Verses: 1 Thess 4:11-12**

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Paul wants us to have ambition: we should strive, study, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ pursue something.

Question for me: What is \_\_\_\_\_ striving for? What is \_\_\_\_\_ ambition?

**Christians should STRIVE to live a life that is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.**

We should be ambitious in living \_\_\_\_\_, peaceful, \_\_\_\_\_ lives.

If we extrapolate on these principles, Paul's concept of a "quiet life" includes:

- a lack \_\_\_\_\_
- joy in simple and good things
- clear thinking
- good \_\_\_\_\_ management
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ability to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ of our day

Another ambition we should have is to \_\_\_\_\_.

No Christian should ever think that some work is "\_\_\_\_\_." We serve God in whatever job we do, and it should be one of our ambitions to \_\_\_\_\_. Period.

**This is summed up as: OUR AMBITION SHOULD BE TO LIVE \_\_\_\_\_ LIVES.**

A BIC Core Value

Living \_\_\_\_\_: We value \_\_\_\_\_ lives, which free us to love boldly, give generously, and serve joyfully.

Paul wants us to live simple lives so we can have a \_\_\_\_\_ to people who don't know God yet.

**Main point: we need to have \_\_\_\_\_, peaceful lives, where we mind our own business, and work hard to not be reliant on others, so people who don't know Jesus yet will see our lives and say, "\_\_\_\_\_ the way Christians live."**

HOMEWORK/PRACTICAL APPLICATION (may require separate sheet of paper)

What is a cause of chaos in my life \_\_\_\_\_  
How can I change that \_\_\_\_\_

Do I sometimes get too involved in other people's business? \_\_\_\_\_  
Will I promise to mind my own business? \_\_\_\_\_

What is one obstacle to working harder/more consistently \_\_\_\_\_  
How do I change that \_\_\_\_\_

Do I use my money unwisely \_\_\_\_\_  
Will I make, or get help making, a budget so I can give generously \_\_\_\_\_

Do I have less time than I want? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, where does it get spent unwisely (tv, media, internet, clubs, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
How can I manage that better \_\_\_\_\_