**1 Thessalonians 4**, **1-3a,** “As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to **live in order to please God,** as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. It is God’s will that you should be sanctified….….Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God’s family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, and to make it your ambition to lead …”

***Here’s a real “Bone Rattler!” The epistle to the Thessalonians was overtly, openly, and obviously addressed to “the church at Thessalonica,” which was situated in that capital city of Roman Macedonia. During his second missionary journey, after departing Philippi, Paul helped to establish the early church there. For three Sabbaths, Paul sermonized in the synagogue with striking success, reminding the faithful how important it is to “love one another” and “live in harmony.”***

Today, this “To do so more and more” Thursday, Make sure that you try to “Try Harder” with your neighbor; get by, by “getting along with” your co-workers; work hard at “working harder” for Jesus; and be sincerely sanctified (holy) as you are “seriously holier” within God’s family! Happy sunrise, as we,”More and more,” “make it our ambition” to **“live in order to please God!”**

It is always,

Because He loves us more and more, Lindi

**Dear Father and God, thank You for the Apostle Paul’s words that ‘strike at my heart’ today. Make it my mission to please you by being a “non contentious” neighbor, an amiable friend, and a “get along with my peers” co-worker. Show me how to hold high Your standards and still live peacefully in this world. Let me never compromise the scripture, and yet display Your great love! Thank You for Your loving care over my friends and family. Send angels to protect our children, our schools, and our homes. Keep us focused on the “great prize” of everlasting life with You. Be with Israel, especially Jerusalem, today. Be with Americans who have lost their way; show them a glimpse of the victory at Golgotha. Guide my steps so that I am centered in the perfection of Your will for my life; show me how that looks. I am grateful for Your majesty, humbled by Your grace, and encouraged by Your great love for me! Bring Your good and perfect kingdom, My King! I adore You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

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