HE THEREFORE THAT DESPISETH...
1 Thess. 4:8-12

1 Th 4:8  Persecution --- attire and purity.

Bigger picture-really hating God

Who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit -- was given to be Comforter

John 14:26 Comforter: walks alongside, intercessor, advocate. Lead, guide, use,
speak through us, teach. John 16:7-11

1 Th 4:9  Concerning manifesting love (Phileo) to brothers--don’t need me to say a thing.

God has given total giving, sacrificial love. Rom 5:5; 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 3:16-17; 1 Jn 2:20;
2:27; 16:8

If not respond to Holy Spirit’s conviction:

1. Quench 1 Th 5:19
2. Grieve Eph 4:30

1 Th 4:10  Certainly…to be sure, you already love brothers throughout Macedonia…
don’t be content

Never be content with spiritual level.

Learn more ...Grow more in prayer lives.

Eph 4:15; 2 Th 1:3; 1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18

Giving: Growing in faith in area of stewardship.

Knowledge of Word...Prayer Life

Local Church...preaching

1 Th 4:11  Hendrickson:  Fanatics, busybodies, and loafers, nearly every church has them!

Often one and the same person is all three. Hence, the three admonitions do not concern three separate classes of people, but in a sense the entire congregation, for the seed of every sin is embedded in every heart.”

Study: strive, labor, work at, pursue, grow at...be ambitious
Quiet: keep still; refrain from meddlesomeness, hold peace. Opposite of restlessness. Tranquility of mind.

Wiersbe: … emphasis is on quietness of mind and heart, the inner peace that enables a man to be sufficient through faith in Christ. Paul did not want the saints running around creating problems as they earned their daily bread.

Mac: not speaking out inappropriately, remaining at rest and tranquil

Restlessness properly channeled.

Matt Hen: … We should be ambitious and industrious how to be calm and quiet in our minds, in patience to possess our own souls, and to be quiet towards others; or of a meek and mild, a gentle and peaceable disposition, not given to strife, contention, or division.

… to do your own business. Mind own affairs. Don’t be busybody, meddler.

2 Th 3:11-12

Matt Hen: … Those who are busy-bodies, meddling in other men’s matters, generally have but little quiet in their own minds and cause great disturbances among their neighbours; at least they seldom mind the other exhortation, to be diligent in their own calling, to work with their own hands; …

... to work with your own hands...

Not idle and lazy. God made man to work 2 Th 3:10

1 Th 4:12 Honestly: becomingly, fittingly, with good character and discretion. Have integrity.

Toward them that are without. In front of the lost.

that ye may have lack of nothing. You won’t be dependent upon the others in the body for your material needs.

SO WHAT?

See the bigger picture. 1 Th 4:8

Grow in ability to love 1 Th 4:9-10

Be quiet and work hard. 1 Th 4:11

Have integrity. 1 Th 4:12