

## 1 Thessalonians 4:9–12 ESVUK

<sup>9</sup> Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, <sup>10</sup> for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, <sup>11</sup> and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

# God's blueprint for authentic life

Loving with distinction

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## Introduction

### 1. Family love

- God-given
- family
- widespread
- unrestricted

### 2. Orderly living

- contented
- minding our business
- work

## Conclusion

- the first two commandments?
- commending the gospel

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What steps do I need to take to genuinely love my Christian brothers and sisters in the City?
- What is it that motivates such love?
- Where do these verses correct or encourage me?

**Next week:** Easter Service for the City, William Taylor