

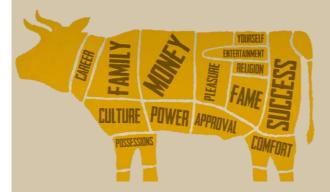
## 1 Corinthians 1:11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

Chloe's household were dibber dobbers

What about the code?



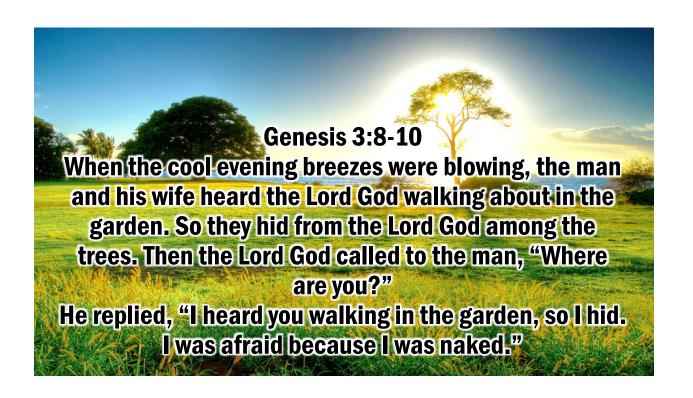
Why did the Corinthians NOT contact Paul?
Were they wanting to impress Paul and solve it locally?
Why wasn't quarrelling deemed a significant issue?
Why did Chloe deem is serious to contact Paul?

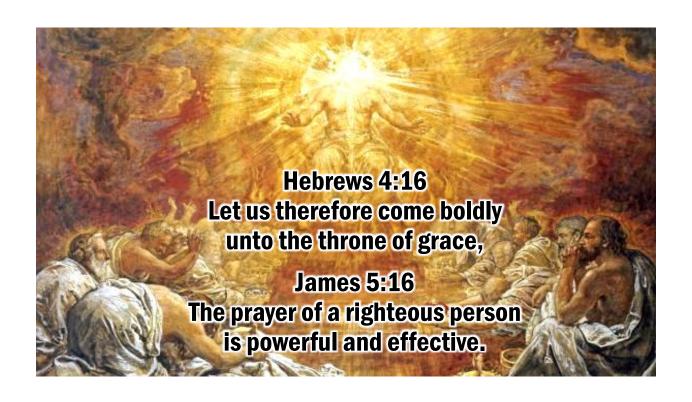


Rom 1:29,13:13; 1Cor 1:11,3:3; 2Cor 12:20; Phil 1:15; 1Tim 6:4; Titus 3:9; Gal 5:20 'idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division'

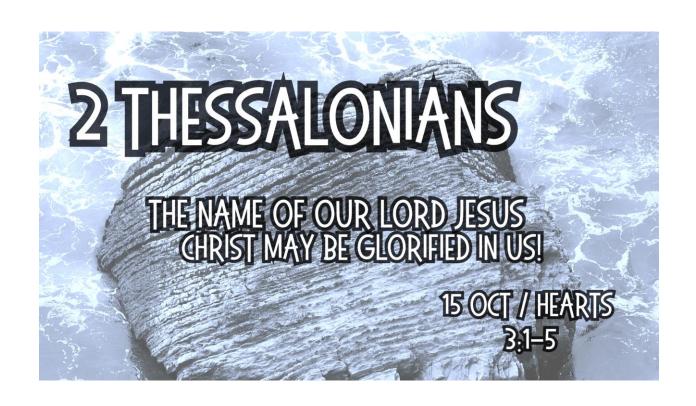
# 2 Thessalonians 3:11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive.

The heart of 'any' matter is really a matter of the heart









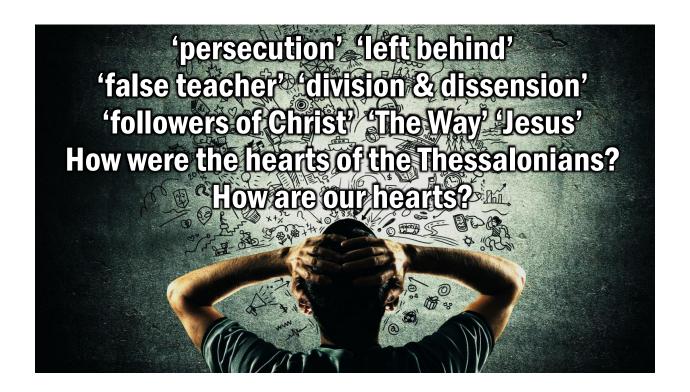
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Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honoured wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer.

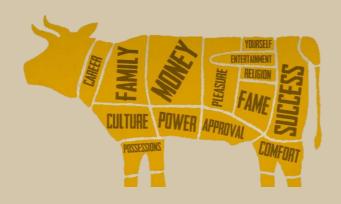
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But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we are confident in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we commanded you. May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

[H/W – What can we learn from Paul not asking the question- "Why didn't you come and tell me you were having troubles?"]



Why did the Thessalonians NOT contact Paul? Was it pride? Fear of failure? Shame of entertaining other allegiances?





We have a new treatment that might help...if we can just fine some bone in there.

MSG-Because of the Master, we have great confidence in you. We know you're doing everything we told you and will continue doing it. May the Master take you by the hand and lead you along the path of God's love and Christ's endurance. NTW-May the Lord direct your hearts towards the love of God and the patience of the Messiah.



Sadness - heart-broken or heavy hearted
Pledges - cross your heart
Enthusiasm - eat your heart out
Passion - follow your heart
Honesty - get to the heart of the matter
Good description - heart of gold
Bad description - heart of stone
Meant well - heart in the right place
Learning - know something by heart
Goal - my heart is set on something
Sharing - poured out my heart
Courage - take heart
Anticipation - heart skipped a beat
Feeling full - a hearty breakfast
Mind change - change of heart

Similar value – after my own heart
Falling in love – captured my heart
Scared – faint of heart
Sincere – from the heart
Sympathy – heart goes out
Discouraged – losing heart
Fear – gave me a heart attack
Nervous – heart is knocking
Positive – warm heart
Committed – all my heart
Youthful – young at heart
Profoundly – depths of my heart
Lack of empathy – hard heart
Expressive – heart on their sleeve
Kindness – a big heart

### Jeremiah 17:9 says "Who can understand the human heart?

physical > rational, emotional, inner
So what is Paul expressing when he says <u>heart</u>?

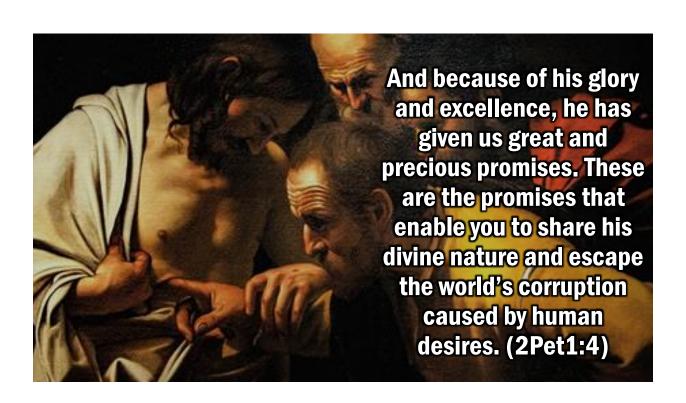
Joy (Eph5:19) Reasoning (Mk2:6)
Affection (Lk24:32) Conscience (Acts2:37)
Grief (Jn14:1) Faith (Rom10:10)

Perceptions (Jn12:40) Desires (2Pet2:14) Imagination (Lk1:51) Will (Col3:15) Intentions (Heb4:12) Purpose (2Cor9:7)

physical > rational, emotional, inner Depravity of humanity (Mt15:19-20) Sphere of Divine influence (Rom2:15)

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matt22:37) "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt6:21)

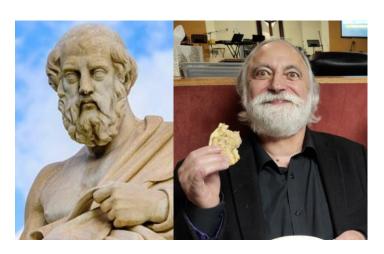
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2 Thessalonians 3:5 says: May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

Psalm 90:12-14 says: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

In his Nicomachean Ethics, Aristotle discusses virtues, both moral and intellectual. He argues that one virtue rises above all the others: wisdom.



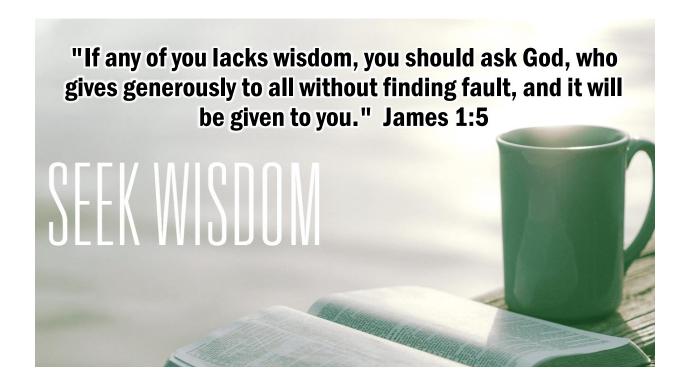
Aristotle's 'wisdom' is by no means simple: Sophia is "the most precise of the sciences", and the subjects of sophia are the "most honourable matters"... "matters far more divine in nature than human beings,"

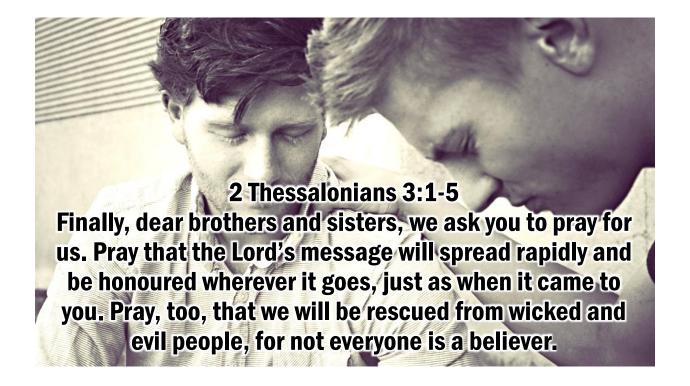
"wisdom produces happiness not as medicine produces health, but as health produces health...wisdom makes a person happy through its being possessed and being exercised."

#### **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.

The [reverent] fear of the Lord [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence], And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight. Prov 9:10





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