

## Characteristics of the Christian Life

*“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your hands.” 1 Thess. 4:11-12*

### A. Lead a quiet life

*“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life...” 1 Thess. 4:11*

1. A quiet life does not equal silence.
2. A quiet life is permeated with peace.
3. A quiet life draws attention to Christ.

### B. Mind my own business

*“Make it your ambition ... to mind your own business...”  
1 Thess. 4:11*

1. Minding my own business does not equal living an isolated life.
2. Minding my own business means dealing with the issues in my life first.
3. Minding my own business means not being overly involved in the lives of other people.

### C. Work with my hands

*“Make it your ambition ... to work with your own hands...”  
1 Thess. 4:11*

1. Work is something God demonstrates Himself.
2. Work is meant to serve God’s purpose.
3. Work is to be done with excellence.

What do I need to change today?

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