

Message #3
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4:1-12

1 Thessalonians

*3:13 so that he may establish
your hearts blameless in
holiness before our God and
Father, at the coming of our
Lord Jesus with all his saints*

Meeting the Lord



Major Themes

1. Return of Christ (16 times!)
2. Suffering in Persecution
3. Methods & Motives for Ministry
4. Idleness in the Church
5. Sexuality—Sanctified or Otherwise...

How should the Thessalonians Prepare to Meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

1:1-3:13—The Thessalonians were prepared to meet the Lord Jesus Christ because they received the word. *(split into 2 messages)*

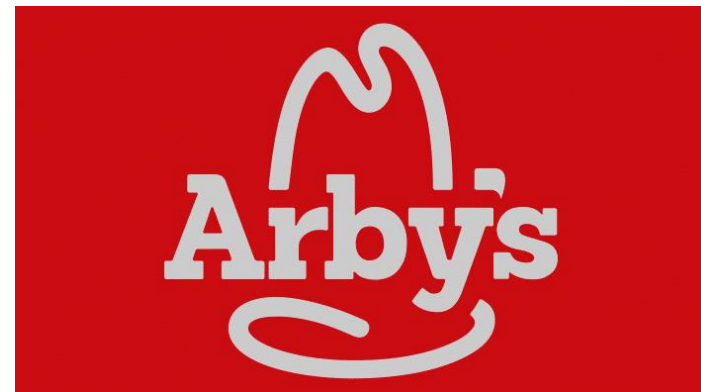
4:1-12—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...

4:13-5:11—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...

5:12-5:28—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...

4:1 ... Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

4:1 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. NIV



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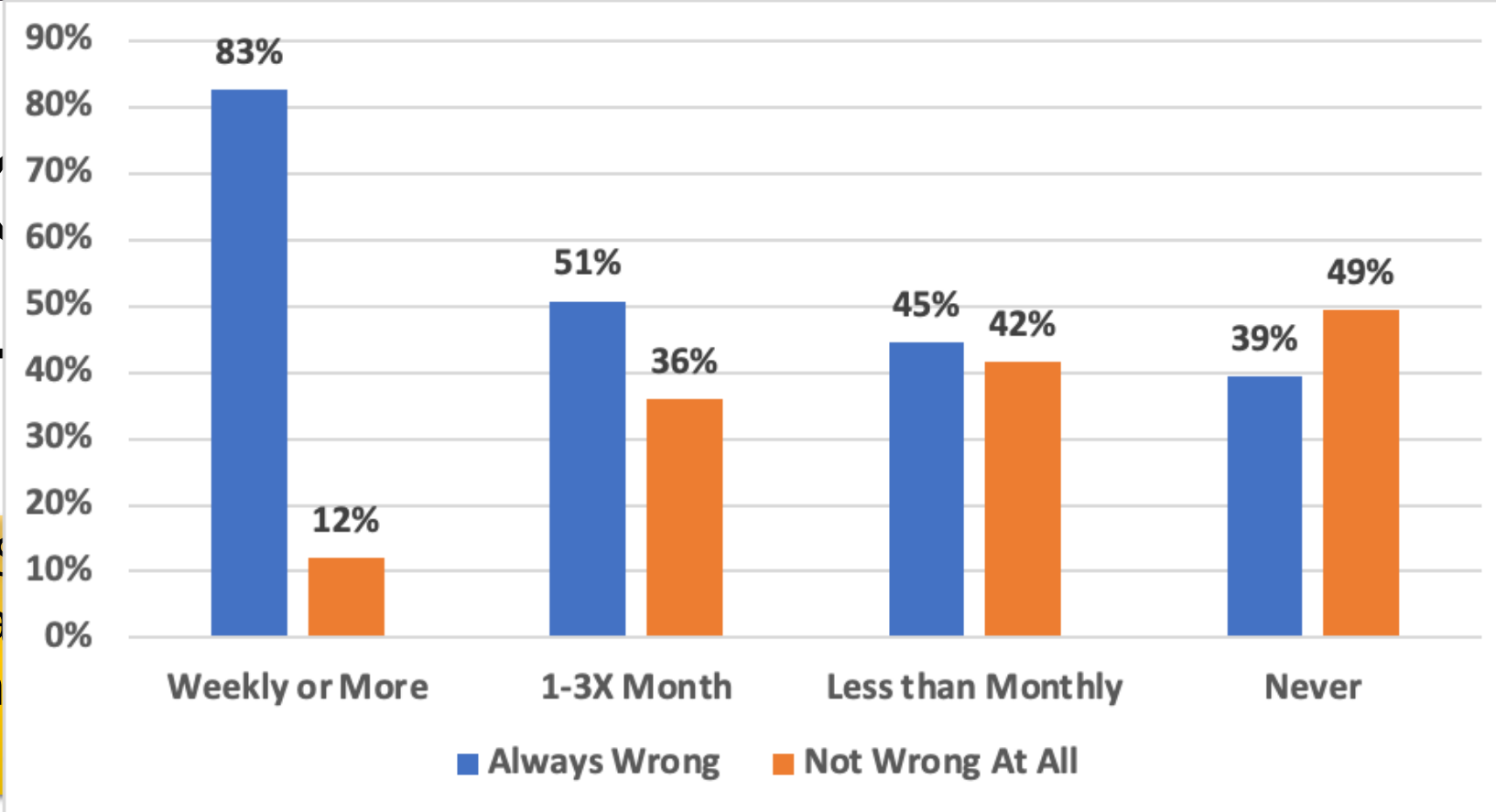
4:1-12—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by ***Growing in love for others.***

3:12-13—Increase and abound in love.

4:9-10—Love one another more and more.

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Grow in Love through a Holy *Social* Ethic. [4:9-12]

How should the Thessalonians prepare to Meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

4:1-12 The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by *growing in love through a holy sexual ethic and a holy social ethic.*

4:13-5:11—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...