



FIRST THESSALONIANS

How should I deal with people talking about me?

To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. **When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly.** We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

1 Corinthians 4:11–13 (NIV)



For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:3–16 (NIV)



You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

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Live in a way that
your life speaks
louder than their
criticism.

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, **as you know**, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.

1 Thessalonians 2:2-11 (NIV)



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Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

1 Thessalonians 2:2-11 (NIV)



You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy,
righteous and blameless we were among you who
believed.

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For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

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**WHEN FALSELY
CRITICIZED
DON'T STOOP
TO THEIR
LEVEL. TAKE
THE HIGH
ROAD.**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21 (NIV)



Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:11–12 (NIV)



keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:16 (NIV)



I don't need everyone's
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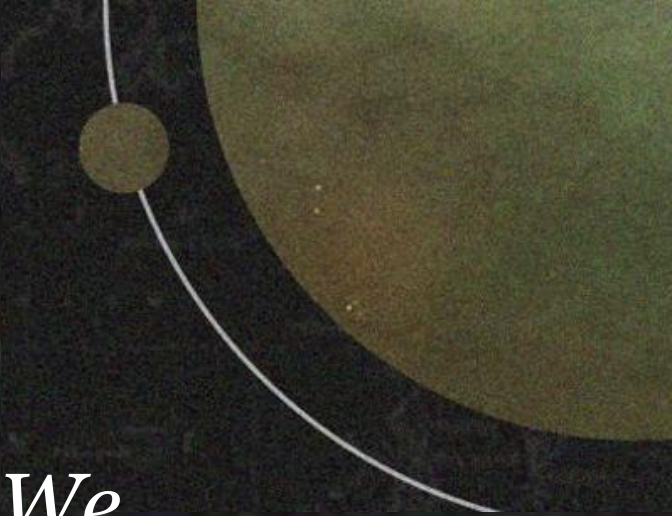


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1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NIV)





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Don't let unfair criticism consume you. We worry way too much about what other people think. I don't have to answer for someone else does. I only have to answer for me.

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Romans 14:12–13 (NIV)



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People only have the power in my life to hurt me that I give them. God knows my heart and that's all that really matters.

I need to ask God to examine my life

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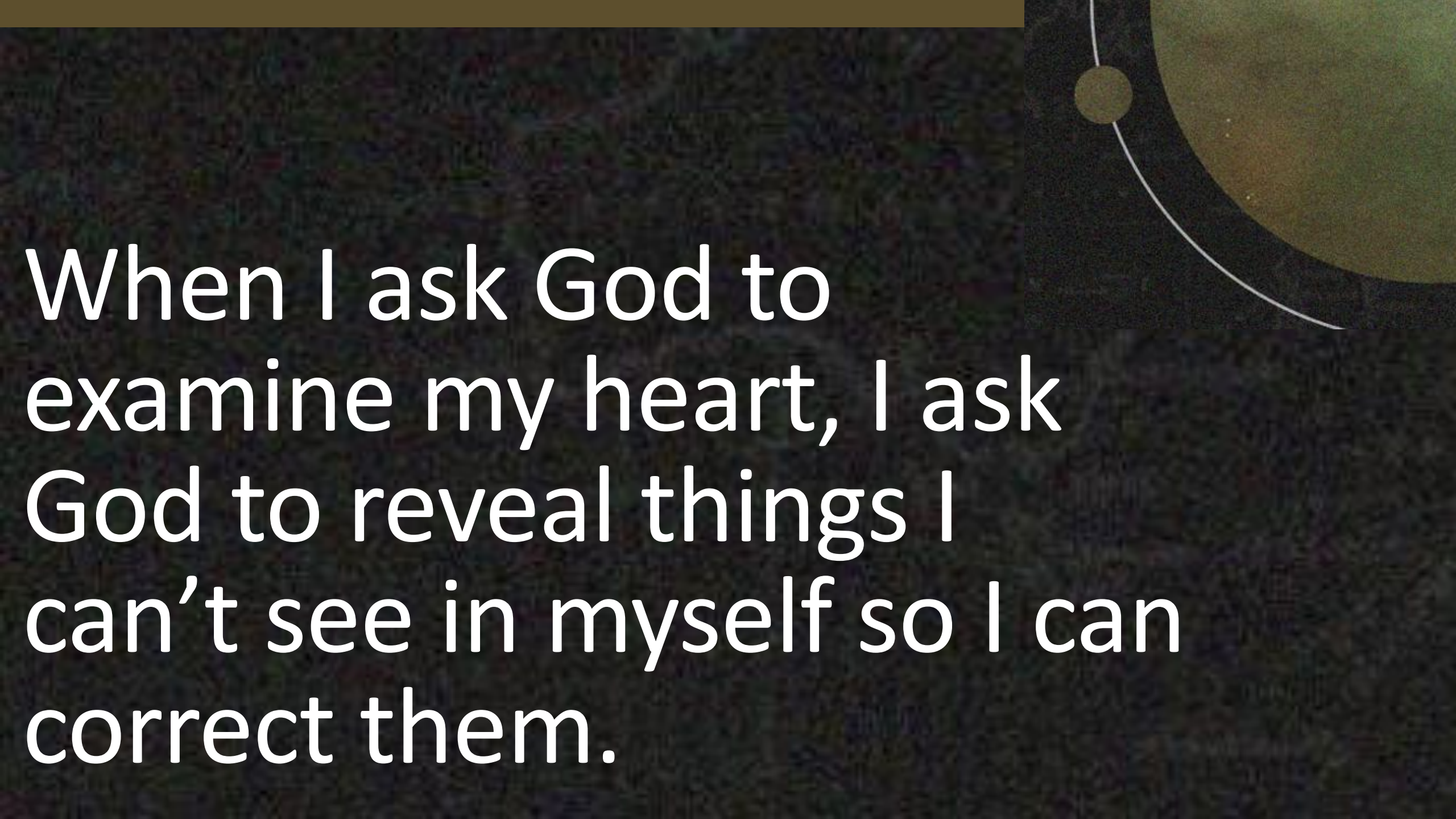
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Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 139:23–24 (NIV)





When I ask God to
examine my heart, I ask
God to reveal things I
can't see in myself so I can
correct them.

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. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NIV)



It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NIV)



The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NIV)





The Greek term “porneia” encompasses a broad range of prohibited sexual conduct, including adultery, fornication, prostitution, and homosexuality.

Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (NIV)



Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more,

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 (NIV)



and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 (NIV)



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