

## PLEASING THE LORD THROUGH SEXUAL PURITY

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 pt.1

### I. Paul's Personal & Historical Explanation with the Church.(1:1-3:13)

### II. Paul's Practical and Instructive Exhortations to The Church. (4:1-5:24)

#### A. Some Observations and Exhortations To Note If We Want To PLEASE THE LORD. (4:1-2)

1. The **seriousness** of these admonitions are underscored by the words **urge** and **exhort**.
2. The **recipients** of these exhortations are **all believers**, without exception.
3. The **basis** of all this is our **position** "in Christ"...as seen by the words "in the Lord Jesus"
4. The **content** of these admonitions revolve around how to **conduct** in your Christian life.
5. The **aim** of these admonitions is to **please the Lord**.
6. The **absolute necessity** of heeding these admonitions is seen by the word **ought**.
7. This exhortation to walk to please God **concerns** their further spiritual **progress or growth**... "so you would abound more and more."
8. The **nature** of these admonitions involve certain **commands** which they needed to **know**.
9. The **authority** for these commands or admonitions is the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The commands of N.T. scripture reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and what he \_\_\_\_\_ in your life and they are only fulfilled by the \_\_\_\_\_ enabling power.

#### B. The Exhortation Concerning \_\_\_\_\_ (4:3-8)

\* Why was there the need for this exhortation?

1. The **basis** for sexual purity is that it is the \_\_\_\_\_. (4:3-8)

\* What is the **known** will of God for you? It is God's will that you be:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:3-6)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:14-21)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 4:1-8)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 2:11-20)

5) \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ's sake (1 Peter 3:13-17)

6) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 5:18)

7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (Romans 12:1-2; Heb. 9:14, 12:28)

2. The **commands** regarding sexual purity are part of the believer's \_\_\_\_\_.(4:3b)

3. The applications of sanctification concerning sexual purity are found in verses 3-6 and are set off by the word "\_\_\_\_\_"

a. "That you should \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_." (4:3c)

\* Who is Paul writing to?

\* What does "*abstain*" mean?

\* What does "fornication" mean and refer to?

2 Samuel 11-12 – David's great sin