

PLEASEING 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