

PLEASING THE LORD THROUGH SEXUAL PURITY
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (pt. 2)

I. His Personal & Historical Explanation with the Church.(1:1-3:13)

II. His Practical and Instructive Exhortations to The Church. (4:1-5:24)

A. Some General Observations and Exhortations to note if We Want To PLEASE THE LORD (4:1-2)

B. The Exhortation concerning Sexual Purity (4:3-8)

1. The **basis** for sexual purity is that it is the **will of God**. (4:3-8)

- What is the known will of God for you? That you be ...

1) **SAVED** (1 Tim 2:3-6)

2) **SPIRIT FILLED** (Eph 5:14-21)

3) **SANCTIFIED** (1 Thess. 4:3-8)

4) **SUBMISSIVE** (1 Peter 2:11-20)

5) **SUFFERING** 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 **sanctification**. (4:3b)

“Sanctification” (hagiasmos)

3. The instructions concerning sexual purity are found in verses 3-6 and are set off by the word **“that”**:

a. “That you should _____ from _____.” (4:3c)

“abstain” (apechomai)

“sexual immorality” (porneia)

*Consider the Sin of King David—**2 Samuel 11-12**

- Sin deceives us 3 ways;
 - 1) It promises short term _____, but really brings long term _____ & _____
 - 2) It promises _____, but really _____ us in life!
 - 3) It blinds us from _____ things as they _____!

Principle to remember: “Sin will take you _____ than you want to _____, keep you _____ than you want to _____, and _____ you more than you want to _____”!

- 1) Instead of _____ and _____ his sin, David seeks to _____ it (Prov. 28:13)
- 2) After hearing how the war was going, David encouraged Uriah to go _____, take the night _____ & _____ in your own bed before going back to the war.
- 3) A letter is sent to Joab... (carried by Uriah’s own _____) stating Uriah should be sent into the _____ fighting & then be _____ to _____ in battle!
- 4) God saw it all ...for “*the thing David had done* _____ *the Lord*”.
- 5) David hears a story via Nathan, & in his blindness _____ the guilty perpetrator!
- 6) Then Nathan says... “David, _____ I’m talking about”

*How did David thank the Lord for all His grace bestowed on him?

* How it all played out...(12:13-ff)