

PLEASEING THE LORD THROUGH SEXUAL PURITY
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (pt. 3)

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 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)

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

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)

* How can one have *victory* over reoccurring sin like this in life?

1) you can always _____ it (1John 1:9) – this is sin _____! (1John 1:9; Prov. 28:13)

2) Today, you can know of your _____ by understanding your _____ in Christ so as to now _____ in light of the promises & precepts of the WOG. (Rom. 6:1-14; 2 Cor 5:7) – this allows for sin _____ and is far better!

- What do we mean by *“walking by faith”*?

3) You can _____ the Lord Jesus Christ and make no _____ for the flesh! (Rom 13:14)

* How do you “*put on*” the Lord Jesus Christ? (Rom 6:1-14; 2 Cor 5:7; Galatians 2:20)

* How can we avoid David’s same mistake today?

* What is God’s *perspective* on sex?

* What are God’s *purposes* for sex?

1) A physical expression of _____ and _____ between a man and a woman.

1 Cor. 6:15-20

2) The second reason for sex is _____ (Gen. 1:27-28; Psa. 127:3)

3) The third reason for sex is _____. (Prov. 5:15-19)

* What are God’s *parameters* for sex?