

PURITY MATTERS

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 CSB

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1. Persist in PLEASING GOD. (Vs 1-2)

Additionally then, brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received instruction from us on how you should live and please God—as you are doing—do this even more. ²For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 (CSB)

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you. ¹³May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (CSB)

2. Persist in PROTECTING your PURITY. (Vs 3-7)

For this is God’s will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality, ⁴that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not with lustful passions, like the Gentiles, who don’t know God. ⁶This means one must not transgress against and take advantage of a brother or sister in this manner, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, as we also previously told and warned you. ⁷For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 (CSB)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works. ¹⁵Proclaim these things; encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Titus 2:11-15 (CSB)

Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, ¹⁰no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. ¹¹And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (CSB)

"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

Matthew 18:6 (CSB)

Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (CSB)