Slide 1:

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus." 1 Thes. 4:1-2

Slide 2: Under the authority of the Lord Jesus, we are to…

- Be holy by pursuing purity (3–8)
- Be loving by serving one another (9–10)
- Be diligent by living quietly and responsibly (11)
- Be honorable by maintaining a good witness before outsiders (12)

Slide 3:
"For this is the will of God, your sanctification…" vs 3

1 John 2:17: "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:17

Sanctification = Process of being made holy/to be separated or set apart
Avoid = "to abstain, hold oneself from, to run away and be distant from."

Slide 4: What to Avoid…

God's commandments are not meant to steal our joy, they are meant to protect us so that we don't lose our joy.

God is designing beautiful people who will experience wholeness and joy

Slide 5: How to live holy lives….

1. Learn to govern your body in holiness (vs 4)

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." Romans 6:12-13

Slide 6: How to live holy lives….

2. Let your conduct match your calling

"not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God." vs 5
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Slide 7: How to live holy lives….

3. Don't take advantage of others (6)

"that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter." (vs 6)

Slide 8: Reasons to Avoid Sexual Immorality

1. To avoid God's punishment (6)
"The Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you." (vs 6)

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap." Galatians 6:7

Slide 9: Reasons to Avoid Sexual Immorality

2. Live out the purpose God has called us to (7)

3. To experience God's power (8).

Slide 10:
There is no finish line when it comes to loving others.

Slide 11: The Quiet Life

"and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one." (vs 11-12)

A quiet life anchors us in the middle of a restless world.

Mind your own affairs = don't be a busybody/gossip

Slide 12: Am I to involved….

• Your joy depends on the responses and opinions of others.
• You continually repeat your counsel in an effort to persuade someone.
• You evaluate others based on whether they follow your direction.
Slide 13:

Each of us will stand individually before God someday. Since you're not God, don't try to play God for someone else.