



THE WORTHY LIFE

1 THESSALONIANS

"Practical Holiness"
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

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- “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12-13
- “Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.” John 14:23
- “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” Matthew 7:24-25

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**All sexual behavior outside of the marriage covenant is sin.
But Satan's not-very-subtle strategy is often to do all he can
to *encourage* sex outside of marriage and to *discourage* sex in
marriage.**

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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3. The Reasons for obeying the Lord in sexual purity helps us to understand His Heart (v.6b-8)

Vance Havner, observed during his many years of ministry that,

**“The world is becoming churchy,
and the church is becoming worldly.”**