



Holy Passion!

Part 3

I Thessalonians 4:1-8

- For this is God's will, your **sanctification**: that you abstain from sexual immorality, so that each of you knows how to control his own body in **sanctification** and honor, not with lustful desires, like the Gentiles who don't know God. This means one must not transgress against and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, . . . For God has not called us to impurity but to **sanctification**.

The Word We Need to Know

Sanctification (hagiasmos): purification, holiness. *“Separation—the need for God’s covenant people to be ‘distinct’ from the surrounding peoples. Holiness, therefore, is the boundary marker that separates God’s people from all other nations, whether in sexual conduct or any other area of life.”*

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The Decision each
of us need to
make . . .

● *Should I shift with
the world or stand
firm on God's word?*



Benefits of a Clear Conscience

• Overcoming temptation - Ps. 32:5

• Boldness to witness - Acts 24:16

• Building friendships - Acts 23:1

• Loving God more - I Tim. 1:5

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in His holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not set his mind on what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Psalm 24:3-6

How to gain a clear conscience

- Confess often and quickly
- Weep, mourn, and repent from habitual sin
- Make good choices!

In the world and of the world.



Or

In the world but *not* of the world.

Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. I John 2:15