

## **SERIES: LIVING A LIFE OF EXCELLENCE**

**MESSAGE:** Purposely Live to Please God

**TEXT:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

- I. Excel in Pleasing God. (Vv. 4:1–2; 2:4–6; Psa. 147:11)
- II. Excel in Living a Pure Life. (Vv. 4:3–8)
  - A. Abstain from sexual sin.
  - B. Control your body.
  - C. Don't defraud others.
  - D. Obey God's Word.
- III. Excel in Loving Others. (Vv. 4:9–10; John 13:34–35; Rom. 10:12; 1John 4:7–8)
- IV. Excel in Living Respectably. (Vv. 4:11–12)
  - A. Be quiet.
  - B. Mind your own business.
  - C. Work hard.

### **Take-Aways:**

1. God loves you and calls you to a new life.
2. God saved us to live for Him.
3. God empowers you to please Him.
4. God demands you live a moral life.
5. God created and redeemed you to love.
6. God commissions you to live responsibly.