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Fourth Baptist Church

**An Exhortation to Excellence:
Walking in a Way that Pleases God**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

In 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to excel in their walk in a way that pleases God.

- I. An exhortation to walk in _____ (3-8)
 - A. The requirements of purity:
 1. _____ (3b)
 2. _____ (4-5)
 3. _____ (6a)
 - B. The reasons for purity:
 1. _____ (6b)
 2. _____ (7)
 3. _____ (8)
- II. An exhortation to walk in _____ (9-10)
- III. An exhortation to walk in _____ (11-12)
 - A. The requirements for order:
 1. _____ (11a)
 2. _____ (11b)
 3. _____ (11c)
 - B. The reasons for order:
 1. _____ (12a)
 2. _____ (12b)

Lest anyone feel that God is asking more than is reasonable of weak mortals, Paul concluded this exhortation with a reminder that God has also given believers His indwelling Spirit. This Person of the Trinity is so characterized by holiness that He is called the Holy Spirit. The indwelling Holy Spirit has power enough to enable any Christian to learn how to control his own body, even in a pagan, immoral climate. The exhortation is to avoid sexual immorality; the enablement comes from the Holy Spirit.

- Thomas L. Constable