

(3) Foundational Elements in the Pursuit for Spiritual Excellence

1. **4:1 we ask (request)....**
Element #1 – The **Priority** of Excelling
 2. **4:1 how we ought to live....please God....**
Element #2 – The **Power** of Excelling
 3. **4:2-3a instructions we gave you through the Lord...**
Element #3 – The **Progress** of Excelling
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(3) Principles for Maintaining Sexual Morality

1. **4:3b-4:4 that each one know how to control his own body....**
Principle #1 - The **Body** should **not** control the **Believer**
 2. **4:5 not like passion....like Gentiles.....**
Principle #2 – The **Believer** should not act like the **Unbeliever**
 3. **v.6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother....**
Principle #3 – The Believer should not **take advantage** of others
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Hope in the Rapture based on (3) Things

1. **4:14a for since we believe Jesus died....**
Hope #1 – The **Death** of Christ
2. **4:14b rose again.....**
Hope #2 – **Resurrection** of Christ
3. **4:15 – this we declare to you by the word of the Lord....**
Hope #3 – The **Revelation** of Christ