

## ***Pleasing God with Purity***

### **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

#### Main Point:

Please God by fighting for purity in your life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. It is God's will for you to be sanctified.
2. In particular, it is God's will for you to be sanctified in the area of purity.
3. This is because impurity is never victimless and God takes it very seriously.
4. Therefore, please God by fighting for purity in your life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Cross-References and Quotations**

**Colossians 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; <sup>10</sup> that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; (NKJV)

**Andrew Young** "Christian living aims to do the revealed will of God. But it does so in order to please, never to earn. Obedience is never a supplement to God's grace, but it is always the fitting response to it."

**WSC 35** Q. What is sanctification? A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

**Romans 13:11-14** <sup>11</sup> And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 5:5-6** <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. (ESV)

**Gene Green** "What many would view in our day as a strictly personal issue is understood by the apostle as a community issue that has eternal consequences."

**Titus 2:11-12** <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, (NKJV)

**2 Corinthians 3:18** <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJV)

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** <sup>18</sup> Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> 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? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (NKJV)