



## Walk The Line

### 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Review:

- Paul concerned about the faith & love of the Thessalonian Church.
- Sends Timothy back to check, encourage.

**1 Thessalonians 3:5** “For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

- Timothy comes back w/ a great report :

**1 Thessalonians 3:6** But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love...

- We asked...what would Timothy's report on LOGOS have been?

**1 John 3:18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**1 Thessalonians 4:1** Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

- What is Paul doing? Exactly what the Lord Jesus told us to do in the Great Commission- - making disciples, teaching what Jesus taught!
- We ask and urge in THE LORD JESUS.
- Evidence of your belief -- How to walk. How to please God.
- Stop asking “Do I have the right?” Or “how far can I go?” Ask, “How can I MOST glorify my God today?!”
- God is not against pleasure. He IS against perverted pleasure. God creates, Satan perverts.

**1 Thessalonians 4:2-3** For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

- It is the will of God that you and I are continually sanctified.
- Abstain from sexual immorality.
  1. Sex before marriage.
  2. Sex outside marriage.
  3. Sex apart from a man and woman united in holy matrimony.
  4. Any sexual touch/thought life outside of marriage.
  5. Pornography

**1 Thessalonians 4:4-7** that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

- Control your body in holiness and honor. Know your body! You may have different temptations than me.

**1st Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- You're not a mindless, soulless, physical/sexual being. You're not an animal---"in the passion of lust."
- You sin against God and others when you violate His designs for sex.
- God will bring vengeance.
- He has not called us to impurity but to holiness. Verse 6 is the warning, verse 7 is the commandment.
- What do you do?

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**1 Thessalonians 4:8** Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

- If you have a problem with this, you have a problem with God, not me.

**1 Thessalonians 4:9-10** Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,

- This is part of the good report the church had--they were becoming known for their love.

**John 13:34-35** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- This church bore the mark of Christ followers!
- Love, more and more.
  - Are you angry with fellow Christians a lot?
  - Do you talk about your brothers and sisters...behind their backs?
  - Increase and abound in love. Mark yourself as a Christ follower!

**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12** and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, 12 so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

- Good reputation.
- Don't be a busybody. Stop be comparing yourself to others.
- Work hard. Be willing to do hard things.
- Walk properly.