

Growing in Purity and Love

1Thessalonians 4:3-12

Opening Question

For this is the will of God, your sanctification:
that you abstain from sexual immorality;

4 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,

Flee from sexual immorality.
Every other sin a person commits is outside the
body,
but the sexually immoral person sins against his
own body. [1 Cor 6:18 (ESV)]

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.

8 Therefore whoever disregards this,
disregards not man but God,
who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

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,
11 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.