Growing in Purity and Love 1 Thessalonians 4:3-12



How should we handle sexual temptation?

Growing Together, While Apart

- 1 Impact of Faith
- 2a,b Toil of Love
- 3 Accountability with Hope
- 4 Growing in Purity + Love
- 5a Hope of Salvation
- **5b** Acts of **Faith**





Purity and Love (1Thes4)

- 1. The Will of God (v3-6a)
- 2. Our Identity in Christ (v6b-8)
- 3. From Selfishness to Service (v9-12)



1. Will of God

A. Flee Immorality B. Honour Toward Own Body C. Honour Toward Others

For this is the will of God, your sanctification:

1 Thessalonians 4:3a (ESV)



that you abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:3b (ESV)



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 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)



not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (ESV)





that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter,

1 Thessalonians 4:6a (ESV)



Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer;

> but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

> > 1 Corinthians 7:5 (ESV)



What is God's will for us regarding sexuality?

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in all these things,
as we told you beforehand
and solemnly warned you.

1 Thessalonians 4:6b (ESV)

For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)



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

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (ESV)



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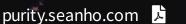
1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)



What role does sexuality play in our identity in Christ?

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you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (ESV)



But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (ESV)



so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

1 Thessalonians 4:12 (ESV)



You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

How can I abound in love for fellow believers?