

Growing in Purity and Love

1 Thessalonians 4:3-12



Opening Question

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

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (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 \(ESV\)](#)

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)

because the Lord is an **avenger**
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)

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)