

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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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)

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

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**?