



HOUSE GROUPS

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1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

(Key Verse)

1 Thessalonians 4:7

For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; **2** for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Question: Paul urges believers to “abound more and more” in pleasing God. What does that look like in daily life today??

Question: How is the Bible the authority on how a Christian might live to please God, and what are the dangers of not knowing what God’s word says?

Question: How can we measure whether we are truly growing in pleasing God, rather than just maintaining spiritual routines?

Question: Why do you think Paul reminds them of the “commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus” — and how does obedience relate to love?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, **5** not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

Question: Paul says, *“This is the will of God, your sanctification.”* What does sanctification mean, and how is it both God’s work and our responsibility?

Question: Why does Paul specifically emphasize sexual purity in the context of sanctification?

Question: In an age in which sexual promiscuity, and perversion is the norm, what must a Christian do in order to not be swayed by it?

Question: What does it mean to be holy in how we treat our bodies, and how is this countercultural compared to the world’s message?

1 Thessalonians 4:6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

Question: Paul warns against defrauding or wronging others “in this matter.” What kinds of relational sins might this include beyond sexual immorality?

Question: How does recognizing God as the “avenger” in these matters affect the seriousness with which we approach holiness and justice?

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. **8** Therefore he who rejects [this] does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

Question: Paul says, “*God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.*” How can we daily remember our calling when faced with temptation?

Question: What does Paul mean that rejecting this teaching isn’t rejecting man, but God Himself? How should this impact how we receive biblical instruction?

Question: How does the gift of the Holy Spirit empower us to live out the holiness that Paul describes in this passage?