

1 Thessalonians Chapter 4

Sex, Work and Death... But mostly Sex ☹️



3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body[a] in a way that is holy and honourable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God:

6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.

7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Church in Thessalonica

- Planted by Paul
- Report from Timothy
- Problems

Key words:

- Live - walk
- Sanctified - Holy

- Greek culture

Restraint?

Men are loving it

- **Key Words:**
- Vessel
- Avoid
- Immorality – ‘porneo’

How is the avoiding going?

Steps to Freedom

1 John 1:

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Confess your sins

Receive forgiveness from Father God

Ask Christ to cleanse you

Forgive yourself

Forgive others

Walking in Freedom

Walk with Holy Spirit

Keep the marriage bed pure

Make a covenant with your eyes (or
pluck them out!)

Walking in Freedom

Embrace celibacy

Walk with others

Learn freedom verses

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

1 Cor. 10:13. No temptation has overtaken

you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Not living for ourselves, but we are:

1. Living for the Lord – that is the essence of holiness
2. Living for one another
3. We are living 'for another world' expecting the Lord to come again