

HOW TO LIVE TO PLEASE GOD

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Key Verse: 4:1

“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.”

1. Read verse 1. What was the purpose of Paul’s previous instructions? Why did he ask and urge them to “do this more and more”? On what authority did Paul instruct them, and why is this important (2)?
2. How did Paul emphasize the importance of sanctification and what did he deal with specifically (3)? How should they be different from the pagans (4-5)? Why is sexual immorality such a serious matter, especially in the Christian community (6)?
3. What further reasons does Paul give for living a holy life (7-8; 1Pe 1:16)? Why is it so serious to reject instructions about impurity? In terms of living a holy life, why is it important to remember that God gives us his Holy Spirit?
4. In regards to loving one another, how did Paul complement and encourage them (9-10)? What was the scope of their love (2Co 8:1-4)? Why did Paul urge them to do so “more and more”?
5. What kind of daily life should Christians living in a pagan culture aspire to (11-12)? What is the outcome?