

“It’s Just Sex-Part 2”
Don’t Buy The Lie – Part 4
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
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SEXUAL PURITY REQUIRES US TO . . .

1. WANT GOD’S WILL.

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality...For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.” 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7 (NKJV)

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

“... in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit...” Ephesians 5:17-18a (NIV)

“For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:17 (NKJV)

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.” Romans 6:22 (ESV)

2. CONTROL OUR BODY.

“...that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor...” 1 Thessalonians 4:4 (NKJV)

“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection...” 1 Corinthians 9:27a (NKJV)

❖ **Fill your heart.**

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.” Psalm 66:18 (NKJV)

❖ **Guard your eyes.**

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.’ Matthew 5:27-28 (NKJV)

‘I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.’ Job 31:1 (NIV1984)

“I will set before my eyes no vile thing.” Psalm 101:3a (NIV1984)

❖ **Set some boundaries.**

“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NKJV)

3. REJECT WORLDLY EXAMPLES.

“...not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God...” 1 Thessalonians 4:5 (NKJV)

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:2a (NLT)

4. FEAR GOD'S JUDGEMENT.

“...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.” 1 Thessalonians 4:6 (NKJV)

“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)