



“A Walk That is Pure”

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1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Part 7 of “Build to Last”

*“Finally, then, brothers, we ask and **urge** you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to **walk** and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so **more and more.**”*
-Thessalonians 4:1

1. A Walk that is Pure _____ God (v.1-2).

Guided by the faith in the _____, not fear.

Motivated by _____ for God, not shame.

A Process that Lasts a _____.

2. A Walk that is Pure _____ from Evil (3-5).

a. In _____

b. In Bodily _____

3. A Walk that is Pure _____ God and Others (6-8).

a. _____ with Others

b. _____ with God

*Heavenly Father, it is our desire to
please you in our walk of life.*

*For the cross of Christ, for delivering us from death and
darkness, we praise you and give you thanks. In his body,
our flesh has also died and through his body we too have
risen to newness of life.*

*Thank you for the shed blood of Jesus, for the complete and
full forgiveness of sin. By his blood, we are purified. By his
blood, your love has been poured out.*

*Holy Spirit, show us, teach us to abstain from evil. Help us
walk in holiness...in our relationship with others and to honor
the precious name of Jesus, Amen.*

Activity and Discussion for Families

Go on a walk together this week. Enjoy the fall. Talk about a situation in your family where God has proven himself faithful. Consider a Scripture or Bible Story where God was present with his people as well. Praise God that he walks with us and is pleased when we walk with him.

Discussion Questions

Some of these questions come from a book called "Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Thessalonians," by Mark Howell. Feel free to move at your own pace through the questions, speeding up and slowing down as needed.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this passage deeper.

What is required of a person who desires to "walk and please God" (4.1) How are the head, heart and hands included?

In the context of this passage, explain why it is important both to know what God says and to do what God says.

If we say we don't know God's exact will in a particular situation is that most often a legitimate excuse or an attempt at self-justification? Explain your answer.

What is sanctification? Explain in the simplest language and terms possible.

Why did Paul begin this part of the letter with the topic of sexual immorality?

What does Paul mean by "abstain"? How can you practice this this week? Be specific.

How does sexual promiscuity...in thought, in action, in person, or on a screen... "transgress against and defraud" another human being?

Do you think telling people that God is the "avenger" of those who commit sexual sin is effective in bringing about life change?

What should your ultimate motivation be for keeping the commandments of God?

In view of the role of the Holy Spirit within us, what are the disadvantages and pitfalls of rejecting God and His Spirit?