

"IS SEXUAL PURITY AN OPTION FOR THE BELIEVER?" (Pt. 2)

(1 Thessalonians 4:6-8)

I. PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATIONS (1:2-3:13)

II. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about GENERAL CONDUCT. (4:1-2)

B. Five APPLICATIONS regarding these exhortations.

C. Exhortations about SEXUAL PURITY. (4:3-8)

1. The *basis* for sexual purity is that it is the _____ . (4:3-8)

2. The *commands* regarding sexual purity are part of the believer's _____. (4:3b)

3. The *instructions* concerning sexual purity are...
 - a. "*that you should _____ from _____.*" (4:3c)

 - b. "*that each one of you should _____ how to _____ his own vessel in _____ and _____.*" (4:4)

 - c. "*not in _____ of _____, like the Gentiles who do not know God.*" (4:5)

 - d. "*that no one should take _____ of and _____ his brother in this matter.*" (4:6a)

* What does this mean?

* How could this be done?

4. The *reasons* for sexual purity are...

a. "because the _____ is the _____ of all such, as we _____ you and testified." (4:6b)

b. "For God did not call us to _____, but in _____." (4:7)

* What does "akatharsia" mean?

* Principle to Remember:

5. The *word of warning* regarding sexual purity is that "he who rejects this does not reject _____, but _____." (4:8a)

6. The *power source* that God has provided for the believer to maintain sexual purity is, "who has also given us His _____." (4:8b)

* Principle to Remember:

* How does all this apply to you?