

Living to Please God - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Topics: Ambition, Faithfulness, Holiness, Immorality, Jobs, Marriage, Purity, Sex

Open It

1. How much do you think people are influenced by what they watch on television?
- * 2. How is sex viewed by many of the people you know and work with?

Explore It

3. What instruction had Paul given to the Thessalonians when he was with them? (4:1)
4. What did Paul urge his audience to do? (4:1)
5. By what authority did Paul give his instructions? (4:2)
6. What are God's desires for our sexuality? (4:3-8)
- * 7. How is the Christian's sexual conduct to be different from that of the non-Christian? (4:4-5)
- * 8. How did Paul characterize the heathen? (4:5)
- * 9. When people ignore or reject God's instructions on sexual behavior, what are they rejecting? (4:8)
10. What command of God were the Thessalonians known for obeying? (4:9-10)
11. What ambition were the Thessalonians to pursue? (4:11-12)
12. What is the result of living a quiet, respected, and responsible life? (4:11-12)

Get It

13. How often do we need to be reminded about God's instructions for our lives?
14. In what way can ambition for fame, success, or wealth hurt a believer?
15. How does God want us to use our bodies?
- * 16. How would you respond to someone who says it is possible to be a good Christian while also being sexually immoral?
17. How do the media influence our attitudes about sex?
18. How can we wrong a person through our sexual behavior?
19. What is a holy life?
- * 20. What would motivate you to live a life that is pure and holy?
21. What influence on people and society can a hardworking, quiet person have?

Apply It

22. In the future, how could you help a Christian caught in sexual sin?
- * 23. What can you do to maintain your purity?
24. When can you spend some time examining your ambitions in light of God's priorities for you?