

MORAL PURITY – *the life that pleases God* I Thessalonians 4:1-8

The POINT: In a sex-saturated society there is good motivation to be morally pure.

1. God's W _____ - vv.1-3a

- John 6:29; II Peter 3:9
- Ephesians 5:18
- Romans 12:2
- I Thessalonians 5:18
- I Peter 2:15
- I Thessalonians 4:3

2. God's W _____ - vv.3b-6

- Escape _____ v.3
- Establish _____ v.4
- Exhibit _____ v.6

3. God's W _____ - vv.6b-8

- Ephesians 5:6
- Galatians 6:7
- Hebrews 12:7-8
- II Corinthians 5:10

RESPONSE: 'Be doers of the Word' [James 1:22]:

- Confess
- Commit
- Continue

Scripture text: I Thessalonians 4:1-8 [New International Version]

- 1 Finally, brothers, 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.
2. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.
3. It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;
4. that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,
5. not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;
6. and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you.
7. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.
8. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

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***From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:***

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?