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*You ought to walk and please God*

B. By excelling still more 1b  
*That you excel still more*

C. By honoring authority 2  
by the authority of the Lord Jesus

**Obligation:**  
*Ought to walk and  
please God  
1Tim 3.2; Ti 1.7*

**Please God**  
*1Cor 6.20  
1Pet 1.14-19*

*As received  
As you walk*

**Through Lord Jesus**

## II. OBSERVING THE WILL OF GOD (4:3-6A)

A. By abstaining from sexual sins 3  
*The will of God...that you abstain from sexual sins*

B. By maintaining holiness and honor 4-5  
*Possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor*

C. By avoiding transgression and robbery  
*Let no man transgress and defraud his brother*

**Will of God**  
*Mt. 7:21*

**Sanctification**  
*1Pet 1.15-16  
Heb 12.14*

**Sexual Immorality**  
*porneia*

**Know God**  
*key*

**Transgress**  
*Overreach*  
**Defraud**  
*Rob or Steal*

## III. ACCEPTING THE REASON OF GOD (4:6B-8)

A. Because the Lord avenges 6b  
*The Lord is the avenger in all these things*

B. Because we have a purpose 7  
*God has not called us for impurity...but sanctification*

C. Because rejection is unthinkable 8  
*He who rejects this is not rejecting man but God*

**Avenger**  
*Dealing justice  
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*Eph 4.1-6*

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