

Living to Please God (I) – Moral Purity

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Introduction

I. The basic principle of Christian living laid out in four truths:

1. The Goal of Christian living (v1)
2. The Pattern of Christian living (v1)
3. The Content of Christian living (v2)
4. The Imperative of Constantly Cultivating The Christian Life (v2)

II. Three points of personal purity applied to sexual matters:

1. Be abstinent from sexual immorality (v3)
2. Be self-controlled and know how to control you body (v4)
3. Be faithful and don't take advantage or defraud others (v5)
4. Application:
 - a. Reminds us of our need for the seventh commandment (see Larger Catechism Q. 139)
 - b. Reminds us that sexual immorality is not a victim-less crime/sin

III. Three vital motives to follow the three points of personal purity

1. There are consequences to our actions (v6)
2. If you are not a sin denier, then you are a sin indulger (v7)
3. Your communion with Christ is directly affected (v8)

Conclusion