

# Here's How You Ought To Please God

*1 Thessalonians 4:1-12*

Introduction:

1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us **how you ought to walk and to please God**; 2 for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

## 1. Be sexually pure. 3

- v. 3 abstain from sexual immorality
  - v. 4 possess your own vessel in purity and honor
  - v. 5 not in passion of lusts, like Gentiles
  - v. 6 don't take advantage and defraud.
- God has called you to holiness, don't reject the Holy Spirit

## 2. Love One Another. 9

You've been taught by God to love  
You love the Macedonians, love them more!

## 3. Live Quietly, 11

*Lead a quiet life, mind your own business, work with your own hands*

- A. Striving for notoriety  
Lamech, Tower of Babel, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod
- B. Strive for excellence
- C. Strive to Serve: Jn 13, Luke 14:7, Philippians 2:3-4

## 4. Be an Example, 12

Walk properly towards those who are outside

**W of sin.** Eph. 2:1-2 in which you once walked according to this world,

**W of salvation** 2:8-10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them

**W of Unity 4:1-3** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

**W of Christian living** 4:17-19 you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk,

**W in Love,** Eph 5:1-2 And walk in love

**W in Light** 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now *are* light in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light

**W in Wisdom,** 5:15-16 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.