

1 Thessalonians

Faith, Hope, Love
The Lord Is Coming

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1 Thessalonians 4:3–6

For this is the will of God, your sanctification

- (a) that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;
 - (b) that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;
 - (c) and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter
- because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.

1 Thessalonians 4:4–5

⁴ that each of you know how to **possess his own vessel** in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

(ESV) **control his own body** * or take a wife for himself

(NIV) **control his own body** * or live with/acquire a wife

(HCSB) **possess his own vessel** * or control his own body
or acquire his own wife

1 Corinthians 7:2, 39; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:22–33

1 Thessalonians 4:6

⁶ and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.

Hebrews 13:4

1 Thessalonians 4:7–8

⁷ For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸ So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:13

John 14:16–17