



**1 Thessalonians 3:12** and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you;

<sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

**Our great aspiration is to please God**

**4:1** Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more.

<sup>2</sup> For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority of* the Lord Jesus.

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## Aspiration 1 sexual purity

Must haves for growth in sexual purity:

**1. a supreme desire to live set apart to Jesus**

<sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

**2. discipline**

*that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

**3. wisdom**

<sup>4</sup> that each of you know how to possess his own vessel

**4. honor**

in sanctification and honor,

**5. rebellion to lustful thoughts**

<sup>5</sup> not in lustful passion,

**6. intimate knowledge of God**

like the Gentiles who do not know God;

**7. integrity**

<sup>6</sup> *and* that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter

**8. God's warnings**

because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned *you*.

**9. God's calling**

<sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

**10. intimacy with God**

<sup>8</sup> Consequently, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,  
<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.  
<sup>11</sup> And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.  
<sup>12</sup> All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.  
<sup>13</sup> Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food; but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body.  
<sup>14</sup> Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.  
<sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? May it never be!  
<sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body *with her*? For He says, "The two will become one flesh."  
<sup>17</sup> But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.  
<sup>18</sup> Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.  
<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?  
<sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.  
**7:1** Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.  
<sup>2</sup> But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.  
<sup>3</sup> Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.  
<sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.  
<sup>5</sup> Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

**Ephesians 5:1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;  
<sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.  
<sup>3</sup> But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints;  
<sup>4</sup> and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.  
<sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.  
<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them;  
<sup>8</sup> for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light  
<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),  
<sup>10</sup> trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
<sup>11</sup> And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;  
<sup>12</sup> for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.  
<sup>13</sup> But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.  
<sup>14</sup> For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;  
<sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,  
<sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.  
<sup>28</sup> So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;  
<sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,  
<sup>30</sup> because we are members of His body.  
<sup>31</sup> For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.  
<sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.