

“WINNING THE PURITY WAR”: The Need for a Revival of Sexual Purity

Sadly, the Church of Jesus Christ has been littered with the carcasses of lives and ministries that have been dramatically impacted by sexual sin. The need has never been greater to equip ministry leaders to learn how to “abstain from sexual immorality” (1 Thess. 4:3).

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I. Introduction

A. Killing Spiders. Preventing Fires (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification . . .” (4:3a).

B. Commands; Not Suggestions (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6)

II. Command #1 Abstain from Sexual Immorality

“ . . . that is that you abstain from sexual immorality . . .” (1 Thess. 4:3b).

III. Command # 2 Know How to Acquire a Mate

“ . . . 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 . . . ” (1 Thess. 4:4-5).

IV. Command #3 Don't Transgress and Defraud

“ . . . and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter . . . ” (1 Thess. 4:6).