

A Revival of Purity

God wills, calls and enables us to live pure lives in the midst of the rampant immorality we face daily. Come have your heart challenged as we share biblical principles and practical insights into how to become an Ambassador of Purity in our home, our church and our community.

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I. Introduction:

II. Three Commandments for Sexual Purity (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6a)

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

A. Command #1 Abstain from Sexual Immorality

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

B. 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 . . . ” (4:4-5)

C. Command #3 Don't Transgress and Defraud

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

III. Three Reasons for Sexual Purity (1 Thessalonians 4:6b-8)

A. Reason #1 God Avenges Immorality

“ . . . because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we told you before and solemnly warned you ” (4:6b)

B. Reason #2 God Calls Believers to be Pure

“For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification” (4:7)

C. Reason #3 God Himself is Holy and Empowers Us to be Holy

“Consequently he who rejects this is not rejecting man, but the God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you” (4:8)