

Series in First Thessalonians
"Beyond Purity," part 1
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

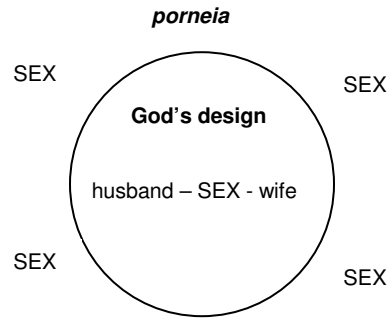
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I. Beyond Purity (4:3-8)

A. What purity

1. Avoid sexual immorality. (v. 3)
1 Corinthians 6:15-18a
2. Learn to honor your body (vv. 4-5)
1 Corinthians 6:18b-20
3. Don't cross boundaries (v. 6)
Proverbs 6:33-35



B. Why purity

1. It's God's will. (v. 3)

God's clear will are:
 - Saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
 - Spirit-filled (Ephesians 5:17-18)
 - Submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15)
 - Sanctified (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7)
2. It avoids consequences (v. 6)
Hebrews 13:4
3. It fulfills our purpose. (v. 7)

II. Beyond Love (4:9-12)

Cell Group Discussion Questions

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Portions of this discussion are most profitable in men/women only small groups.

1. Read together 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12.
Read also 1 Corinthians 6:15-20
2. Define "sexual immorality" in verse 3. Does it include such things as adultery, pre-marital sex, monogamous homosexual relationship, virtual sex or pornography?
3. What do you think the author meant when he said "no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter" in verse 6?
4. What do you believe is the greatest potential threat to the men/women in your group in terms of sexual temptation? Is this true of you?
5. What are some "boundaries" you need to keep in order to foster purity in your life?
6. Spend time in prayer for one another for purity and accountability in this matter.