

Holy Sexuality

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

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¹ Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Holy sexuality

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Matthew 19:3-9; 1 Corinthians 7:1-11)

Immorality

- Rape
- Pedophilia
- Incest
- Polyamory
- Transgender
- Same-sex
- Prostitution
- Hooking up
- Moving in
- Lust & porn
- Adultery
- Divorce

No to immorality

- Don't act like godless pagans.
- Don't rebel and reject Trinity.
- Don't violate or cheat others.
- Don't damage or destroy self.

Yes to holiness

- Act like children of the King.
- Delight Father, Son, & Spirit.
- Love and bless others.
- Flourish and enjoy holy life.

Possess vessel

Every one of you should know how to **possess your own vessel*** in holiness and honor. (1 Thess 4:4)

*Possible meanings:

- control your own body
- take a spouse for yourself

Holy marriage

God's 3-D design

- Dramatize Christ & church
- Develop godly offspring
- Delight in each other

How's our marriage?

- Does our relationship tell truth or lies about Jesus and his church?
- Are we leading our children into faith, holiness, and biblical wisdom?
- Are we delighting in intimacy and guarding our garden from intruders?

Guard marriage

- Emotional affection, physical intimacy.
- Keep far away from temptations: at work, on the road, in entertainment.
- Be honest and accountable.
- Family-friendly spiritual fellowship.

Date wisely

- Make the most of singleness.
- Find ways to meet and mingle.
- Be modest, but look your best.
- Hang out before getting serious.
- Involve family and friends.
- Avoid bedrooms and backseats.
- Date only if marriage is possible.

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Is this the one?

- Is he/she committed Jesus and to the Christ-church drama in marriage?
- Does he/she have a relationship to God that I want my children to have?
- Do we have romantic attraction and physical desire for each other?

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