
SERMON OUTLINE

Sexual purity is about me and God

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

- I. All our decisions reflect our relationship to God (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2).
 - A. Do I want to please God (4:1)?
 - B. Will I submit to God's authority (4:2)?
- II. Our sexual decisions either please God or despise him (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8).
 - A. God's will is our sanctification – which must be applied to sexual purity (4:3-7).
 - 1. Refuse anything that stains God's design for sex (4:3).
 - 2. Value your body as something God made that is sacred and honorable (4:4-7).

How God pursues our purity

- God enables moral strength – We can control our passions – unlike those without God (4:4-5)
 - God enforces moral integrity – He disciplines those who “take” what is morally not theirs (4:6).
 - God esteems moral honor – He called us to the privilege of holiness in all areas (4:7)
- B. To reject sexual purity is not rejecting some man's opinion; it's rejecting God who indwells us by His Holy Spirit (4:8).