

MERCY AND DISOBEDIENCE, LIVING IT OUT, MODERN IDOLS

New Testament Unit - Living It Out - *Pleasing God* - July 2, 2017

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Intro: Today we look at understanding God's will concerning immorality and see the motivation Paul gives the Thessalonians for doing that. We need to understand that overcoming immorality involves three things; purity towards O _____, purity toward G _____, and purity towards E _____ O _____!

How do you motivate yourself to live a life of purity?

I. 1 Thess.4:1-2 A Life Pleasing To God

1. Man cannot simply do what _____.
2. Man needs I _____ on how to please God!
3. What were the basis of Paul's instructions to the Thessalonians? (see also 1 Co. 14:37)
4. What was the fruit of following Paul's instructions? (4:1)
 - 1 Jo.1:7 - We please God by _____!
 - 3 Jo. 4 - We please God by _____!
5. Why did Paul urge them to "do so more and more" in 4:1?

II. 1 Thess. 4:3-8 A Life Of Sexual Purity

1. What is the will of God in the following verses?
 - 1 Thess. 4:3
 - 1 Peter 1:14-16
2. What is the command for us toward our own body in the following passages?
 - 1 Thess. 4:4

2 Tim. 2:22

3. (4:5) The Gentiles/Pagans/Heathens are described as ones who _____!

How were they described in:

Ro.1:21-32

Eph.2:12

4. (4:6-8) How are we to treat each other?

5. (4:6-8) Can you find 4 motivations to do God's will in this passage also?

a. 4:6

c. 4:8a

b. 4:7

d. 4:8b

III. 1 Thess. 4:9-12 A Life of Brotherly Love and Honest Endeavor

1. Paul encourages the church at Thessalonica to love one another "more and more". Give some scriptures that tell us why this is so important in the church today.

2. What does Paul instruct them to do in vss. 11-12? What is the fruit of that instruction?

Text for July 9, 2017: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11 *He Is Coming*