

# THESSALONIANS

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# Chapters 1-3: The Historical Section

- \* Praise for their persistence and zeal
- \* Reminder of why they listened and obeyed
- \* A recounting of Paul's hardships on their behalf
- \* A reminder of Christian suffering around the world

# Chapters 4-5: The Practical Section

- \* Exhortation against sexual vices
- \* Clarifications on the return of Christ
- \* Encouragement to work and lead productive lives as God intends.

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For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor.



But we have this treasure in earthen **vessels**, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves;  
(II Corinthians 4:7)

see also 2 Tim 2:21 & 1 Pet 3:7



...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;



- \* Sanctification = purity, consecrated, set apart and holy
- \* Honor = in a manner appropriate to the value of the thing discussed
- \* Lustful passion = an overpowering feeling or desire

**BECAUSE WE KNOW BETTER!**

that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we told you before and solemnly warned you.



Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption (Gal 6:7-8)



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