

1 Thes. 4:1-8

¹. Therefore, finally, brothers, we are asking you, and we are encouraging [you] in the Lord Jesus, just as you received from us how it is necessary for you to walk and to be pleasing to God, and just as you are [already] walking, that you may do so to a greater degree. ². For you know which commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³. For this is the will of God: your sanctification – that you would refrain from sexual immorality of any kind. ⁴. That each of you would know to gain possession of his own vessel with sanctification and honor, ⁵. not in strong desire of lusts, just as the Gentiles who do not know God. ⁶. That [each of you] would not transgress, and take advantage of his brother in this matter. Because the Lord is the One Who punishes concerning all these things, just as we told you beforehand, and we made a solemn declaration. ⁷. For God did not call you into uncleanness, but [He called you] into sanctification. ⁸. For this reason, the one rejecting [this standard] is not rejecting man, but [he is rejecting] God, Who gave His Holy Spirit to us.