

“Pursuing Sexual Purity”

Rising Above Today’s Culture

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

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A. The goal for each Christian is to please God by pursuing sexual purity.

(1 Thessalonians 4:1-3)

“Being *sanctified* or made holy is the process of living the Christian life. The Holy Spirit works in us, conforming us into the image of Christ.” (Romans 8:29)

The Life Application Bible, New International Version, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Wheaton, IL, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 1991, p. 2174.

B. Reasons to pursue sexual purity:

1. Sexual purity sets us apart from those who don’t know God.

(1 Thessalonians 4:4-5)

2. Sexual purity is a way to honor others, not take advantage of others.

(1 Thessalonians 4:6)

3. Sexual purity is a way to avoid God’s punishment.

(1 Thessalonians 4:6)

4. Sexual purity is God’s standard.

(1 Thessalonians 4:7-8)

C. So how do we pursue sexual purity?

1. Begin with confession and repentance.

2. Ask others to help.

3. Set boundaries and live by convictions.