

## 1 Thessalonians Chapter Four

I Thes 4:1-8 (NAS)	I Thes 4:1-8 (NKJ)	I Thes 4:1-8 (KJV)
1 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought <b>to walk and please God</b> (just as you actually do walk), <b>that you may excel still more.</b>	1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you <b>should abound more and more</b> , just as you received from us how you <b>ought to walk and to please God</b> ;	1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us <b>how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.</b>
2 For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.	2 for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.	2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from <b>sexual immorality</b> ; <i>(see definition below)</i>	3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from <b>sexual immorality</b> ; <i>(see definition below)</i>	3 <b>For this is the will of God, even your sanctification</b> , that ye should abstain from <b>fornication</b> ; <i>(see definition below)</i>
4 that each of you <b>know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor</b> , <i>Rom 9:21; 2 Tim 2:19-21; 1 Pet 3:7; Phil 4:8; Heb 13:4-5; Rom 1:24-28</i>	4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,	4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;
5 <b>not in lustful passion</b> , like the Gentiles who do not know God;	5 not in passion of lust, <b>like the Gentiles who do not know God</b> ;	5 Not in the lust of <b>concupiscence*</b> even as the Gentiles which know not God: <i>(*strong sexual desire)</i>
6 and that no man <b>transgress</b> and <b>defraud his brother</b> in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.	6 that no one should <b>take advantage</b> of and <b>defraud his brother</b> in this matter, because <b>the Lord is the avenger of all such</b> , as we also forewarned you and testified.	6 That no man <b>go beyond</b> and <b>defraud his brother</b> in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. <i>Definition: to defraud is to cheat or take away by fraud, to obtain a greater share, to overreach</i>
7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.	7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.	7 <b>For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.</b> <i>Rom 6:22; 1 Cor 1:30; Heb 12:14; { 1 Thes 4:3, 4, 7 }</i>
8 Consequently, he who <b>*rejects</b> this <b>is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.</b> (NAS) <i>*114 atheteo—to disregard, to set aside, to reject, to refuse</i>	8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. (NKJ)	8 <b>He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God</b> , who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. (KJV)

### Thayer's Greek Lexicon Definition of "Porneia"--(4202 porneia):

#### 1) illicit sexual immorality

- a) adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals, pornography, etc.
- b) spiritually, the worship of idols; used of the defilement of idolatry

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<p>9-10—Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, <b><u>for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another</u></b>; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. <b><u>But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more</u></b>.</p>	<p>9-10—But concerning brotherly love you have <b><u>no need that I should write to you</u></b>, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, <b><u>that you increase more and more</u></b>;</p>	<p>9-10—But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, <b><u>that ye increase more and more</u></b>;</p>
<p>11-12—and to <b><u>make it your ambition</u></b> to lead a <b><u>quiet life and attend to your own business</u></b> and <b><u>work with your hands</u></b>, just as we commanded you; so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.</p>	<p>11-12—that you <b><u>also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business</u></b>, and to <b><u>work with your own hands, as we commanded you</u></b>, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.   <b>II Th 3:11-12;</b>  <b>1 Tim 5:11-13;</b>  <b>1 Pet 4:14-16</b></p>	<p>11-12—And that ye <b><u>study to be quiet, and to do your own business</u></b>, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.</p>
<p>13—But we do not want you to be <b><u>uninformed</u></b>, brethren, about those who are asleep, <b><u>that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope</u></b>.</p>	<p>13—But I do not want you to be <b><u>ignorant</u></b>, brethren, concerning those who have <b><u>fallen asleep</u></b>, lest you <b><u>sorrow as others who have no hope</u></b>.   <b>Job 19:25-27;</b>  <b>1 Cor 15:19;</b>  <b>Eph 2:10-12</b></p>	<p>13—But I would not have you to be <b><u>ignorant</u></b>, brethren, concerning them <b><u>which are asleep</u></b>, that ye <b><u>sorrow not, even as others which have no hope</u></b>.   <i>(see appendix below)</i></p>
<p>14—<b><u>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again</u></b>, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.</p>	<p>14—For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, <b><u>even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus</u></b>.   <b>1 Thes 4:17;</b>  <b>Matt 24:31;</b>  <b>1 Cor 15:23;</b>  <b>Jude 1:14-15;</b>  <b>Rev 6:9-11</b></p>	<p>14—For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus <b><u>will God bring with him</u></b>.</p>
<p>15—For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, <b><u>shall not precede those who have fallen asleep</u></b>.</p>	<p>15—For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord <b><u>will by no means precede those who are asleep</u></b>.   <b>Heb 11:32-40</b></p>	<p>15—For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.</p>

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I Thes 4:16-18 (NAS)	I Thes 4:16-18 (NKJ)	I Thes 4:16-18 (KJV)
<p>16—For the Lord Himself will descend from <b><u>heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God;</u></b> and the dead in Christ shall rise first.</p>	<p>16—For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven <b><u>with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.</u></b> And the dead in Christ will rise first.</p> <p><b>Matt 24:31;</b>  <b>1 Cor 15:52;</b>  <b>1 Thes 4:16;</b>  <b>Rev 8:2, 6, 13;</b>  <b>Rev. 10:5-7;</b>  <b>Rev 11:15-19</b></p>	<p>16—For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven <b><u>with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God;</u></b> and the dead in Christ shall rise first:</p>
<p>17-18—Then we <b><u>who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,</u></b> and thus we shall always be with the Lord.</p> <p>Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NAS)</p>	<p>17-18—Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. <b><u>And thus we shall always be with the Lord.</u></b></p> <p>Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NKJ)</p>	<p>17-18—Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.</p> <p><b><u>Wherefore comfort one another with these words.</u></b> (KJV)</p>

### Appendix: ‘Fallen Asleep’

Matt 27:52--and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints **who had fallen asleep were raised;**

John 11:11-13--These things He said, and after that He said to them, "**Our friend Lazarus sleeps,** but I go that I may wake him up." Then His disciples said, "**Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.**" **However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.** (NKJ)

Acts 7:60--Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." **And when he had said this, he fell asleep.** (NKJ)

Acts 13:36--"**For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep,** was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; (NKJ)

1 Cor 15:6--After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, **but some have fallen asleep.** (NKJ)

1 Cor 15:17-18—And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have **fallen asleep in Christ** have perished. (NKJ)

1 Cor 15:19-20—If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and **has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** (NKJ)

1 Thes 4:13--But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, **concerning those who have fallen asleep,** lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. (NKJ)

1 Thes 4:15—For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the **Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.** (NKJ)

2 Pet 3:4--and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? **For since the fathers fell asleep,** all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." (NKJ)