

## LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT-7

### *“Holy Living in an X-Rated World”*

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

I. FIRST, NOTICE PAUL’S SIMPLE EXHORTATION FOR THEM TO ABOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2).

A. First, the exhortation in holiness has to do with their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1b). *“... how you ought to walk and please God ...”*

B. Secondly, the exhortation in holiness has to do with their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:2).

II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER PAUL’S SPECIFIC EXHORTATION IS FOR THEM TO ABOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8).

To better understand these verses, note the following clear instructions:

A. First, Paul specifically exhorted them to \_\_\_\_\_ from sexual immorality (4:3b) *“... that you abstain from fornication.”*

B. Secondly, he specifically exhorted them to \_\_\_\_\_ their own body (4:4).

Note these observations:

1. First, no one ever lived in a generation where holiness came \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Secondly, no one ever lived a life of holiness by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Thirdly, he specifically exhorted them not to \_\_\_\_\_ a brother (4:6).

The choice is one that only YOU can make! There are only two options to choose from:

- To live \_\_\_\_\_ in the weakness of the FLESH!
- To live \_\_\_\_\_ in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT!

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER PAUL’S SPECIAL EXHORTATION FOR THEM TO ABOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).

Note some challenging passages in the Bible that relate to this situation:

A. First, notice how Jesus makes a \_\_\_\_\_ statement in His intercessory prayer (John 17:15-18).

B. Secondly, consider how Paul presents a \_\_\_\_\_ in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 5:1-6).

IV. FOURTHLY, NOTICE PAUL’S SERIOUS EXHORTATION FOR THEM TO ABOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12).

A. First, notice how he encourages them in their use of their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:11a).

B. Secondly, note how he encourages them in the area of their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:11b).

C. Thirdly, consider how he encourages them in their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:11c).

D. Fourthly, see how he encourages them in their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:12).