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"The Priority of Purity"

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Introduction

A. An external transformation is the evidence of an internal regeneration.

I. Our Walk Must Be Our Priority (4:1-2)

A. Commit to know what God says.

B. Commit to do what God commands.

II. God's Will Must Be Our Guide (4:3-7)

A. What is God's will?

1. That you be saved (1 Tim 2:4).

2. That you live transformed lives (Rom 12:2).

3. That you have a good testimony toward those outside the church (1 Pet 2:13-15).

4. That you suffer for living righteous lives (1 Pet 3:17-18).

5. That you be Spirit-filled (Eph 5:18).

6. That you be thankful (1 Thess 5:18).

B. Avoid Impurity (4:3-5, 7)

1. One cannot love his lust and look into the face of Jesus at the same time.

The glory and the majesty of the Savior will vaporize that sin.

C. Respect Others (4:6a)

D. Assume Responsibility (4:6b)

III. God's Approval Must Be Our Passion (4:8)