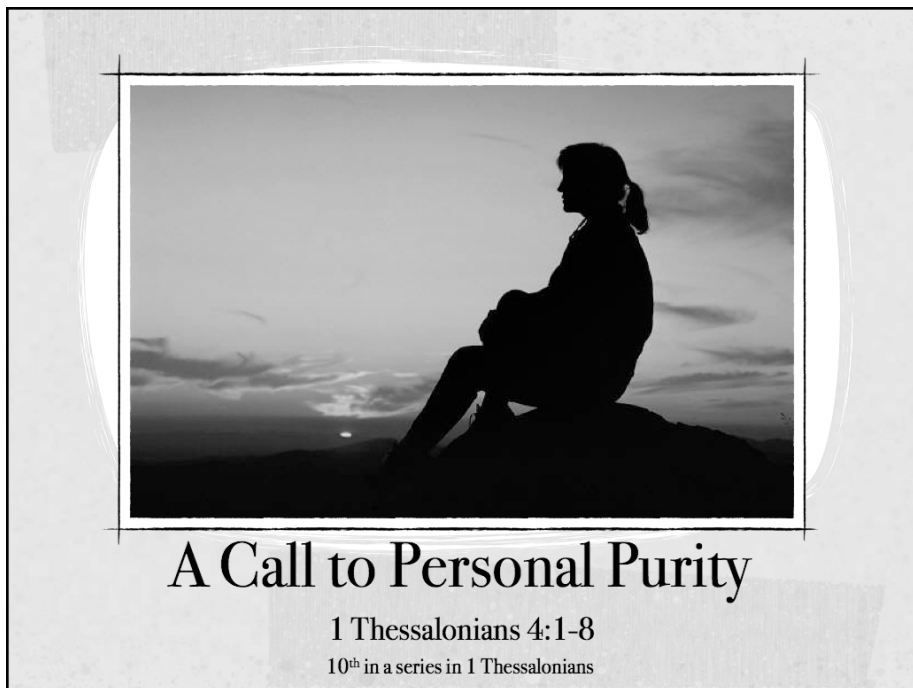


Daily Bible Study Guide for June 8–13, 2009



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 to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. ² For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸ So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you. 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8

One of the clear distinctions that separates believers from the world is God’s expectation of (and our commitment to) personal purity. In an age when sexual immorality is not only expected but also encouraged, believers have been given a powerful opportunity to show that there really is something different about being a Christian. Our study guide this week will help you be better equipped, not only to live a life of purity, but to encourage others to do the same.

Monday, June 15

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8

1. What is the point of 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8?

2. What key words make that point?

3. What warnings are given in this passage?

4. What promises of blessing, if any, are found?

5. Discussion/Application: Why do you suppose Paul took so much time and space to make his point about personal purity?

Tuesday, June 16

Read: Proverbs 5:1–23

1. What figures of speech are found in verses 1–6?

2. Describe in your own words the kind of person mentioned in verses 1–6.

3. What commands are given in verses 7–14?

4. What blessings are promised in verses 15–23?

5. Discussion/Application: We sometimes hear about Christians, and even Christian leaders, who sin sexually. How is it possible that sexual immorality is such a problem among God's people?

Wednesday, June 17

Read: Proverbs 7:1–27

1. What does verse 3 mean?

2. What words in verses 6 and 7 describe the kinds of people who seek opportunities to sin?

3. What words in verses 11–21 describe the one who seduces others to sin?

4. How many statements in verses 11–21 are lies?

5. Discussion/Application: The warnings in verses 22–27 are very strong, yet many people ignore them. Why? How can you guard yourself against impurity?

Thursday, June 18

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:18–20

1. What command is found in verse 18?

2. How is this similar to 2 Timothy 2:22?

3. Why are we told to run from sexual temptation rather than to “stand firm” and “resist”? (See, for example, Ephesians 6:10–13 and James 4:7)

4. What, in 1 Corinthians 6:19, is an important fact to keep in mind when sexually tempted?

5. Discussion/Application: What does 1 Corinthians 6:20 mean?

Friday, June 19

Read: 2 Timothy 2:20–22

1. Verse 20 mentions gold or silver vessels/articles that are used for honorable things and wood or clay vessels that are used for dishonorable things like the disposal of refuse. Which vessels/articles in your house are used for honor and which for dishonor?

2. What does the analogy of vessels mean to you and me?

3. “These things” or “the latter” (verse 21) is an intentionally vague statement referring to dishonorable vessels. Who, according to the same verse, is responsible to see how a vessel is used?

4. What, according to verse 21, happens when a believer chooses to live in an honorable way?

5. Discussion/Application: What, according to verse 22, are some ways a believer can live in an honorable way?

Saturday, June 20

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:7

1. What does it mean to be called by God?

2. To what kind of lifestyle did God *not* call us?

3. Is it fair to say that someone who is involved in sexual sin is *not* a Christian? Why or why not?

4. To what kind of lifestyle has God called us?

5. Discussion/Application: Can you find any verses that explain how to realize our calling from God? (You can start with John 17:17–19 and 1 Peter 1:22–23.)
