

Be Sanctified
1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8

¹ Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ **It is God's will that you should be sanctified:** that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

What does the will of God include?

- 1) 1 Timothy 2: 3-4 – This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
- 2) Romans 12: 1-2 – Therefore, I urge you in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- 3) 1 Peter 2:13-15 – Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.
- 4) 1 Thess. 5: 18 – Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

What does Sanctification mean?

Sanctification is a process of _____.

Be Sanctified: Four Areas

1) Acknowledge _____

2) Avoid _____

3) Apply _____

4) Appreciate _____

Finally:

Remember God's calling

Rely on God's power