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A LIFE PLEASING TO GOD

For and By God and Our Good: V. 1-2; Finally, then, brothers,^[a] we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

- o 1 Cor. 6:20: "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."
- o Gal 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
- o Genesis 2:24-24: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

LIVING IN GOD'S WILL WITH OUR SEXUALITY: 3-6

Sanctification: V. 3-4; For this is the will of God, your sanctification:^[b] that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body^[c] in holiness and honor,

- o Romans 8:29; for those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...
- o 2 Tim. 1:7 "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."
- o 1 Cor. 6:13b-15 "the body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?"

Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!"

Against Godless Sexuality: V. 5-6; *not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;*⁶ *that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you*

OUR HOLY CALLING

Regards God Above All: V.7; *For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.*

Rom 8:1; There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:15-16; but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Gal 5:1; For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Is in the Holy Spirit: V.8; *Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*

- Romans 8:11; if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
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- 1 Cor. 3:16; Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
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- Eph 4:30; And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.