

## An Idol Factory: Sexuality | 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 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. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

### The idol of sex among the people of God

1. Sex is consensual
2. Sex is private
4. Sex is expressive

### The will of God

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  - a. Conduct
    - i. "But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:17-20)
  - b. Character
  - c. Community

### The gifts of God

- a. Holiness
  - i. "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:14)
- b. Holy Spirit
  - i. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)