

Pleasing God 10-4-2020

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NLT) — **(1)** Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. **(2)** For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. **(3)** God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. **(4)** Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—**(5)** not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. **(6)** Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. **(7)** God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. **(8)** Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. **(9)** But we don’t need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. **(10)** Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more. **(11)** Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. **(12)** Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

Acts 5:29 (NLT) — **(29)** But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.

I) We Please God By Living A Holy Life

II) We Please God By Walking Honestly

III) 4 Practical Ways A Pleases God

1 John 4:7–11 (NLT) — **(7)** Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. **(8)** But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **(9)** God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. **(10)** This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. **(11)** Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.