

Exhortations Toward Spiritual Excellence
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Part 2

I. Be excelling still more vs. 1-2

1 Thess. 4:3, 10; 1 Cor. 14:12; 15:58

1) The priority of excelling

Titus 2:14; Proverbs 4:18; 2 Peter 1:5-10; 3:18
John 15:2; Phil. 3:12-14

2) The power of excelling

1 Thess. 3:12; Eph. 3:20; 4:15-16; Col. 2:6-7, 19
John 15:4-5; 1 John 5:20; Col. 3:3-4

3) The principles for excelling

1 Thess. 1:6; 2:10-13; Romans 12:9-21; Gal. 5:16-26
Eph. 4:25-5:21; Col. 3:12-4:6; 1 John 1:9
2 Cor. 5:9; Eph. 5:6-10; Heb. 13:16; 1 Peter 2:2

4) The progress of excelling

1 Cor. 9:24-27; Phil 3:12-14; Heb. 12:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:15

5) The pressure of excelling

John 12:49; Ezekiel 3:17; Matt. 28:20

II. Be separated from sin vs. 3-8

Romans 6:12-13, 19-22; 1 Thess. 3:13

a) Abstain from sexual immorality vs. 3

1 Thess. 5:22; 1 Peter 2:11; 4:2-3; Job 28:28
Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:3, 5; 1 Cor. 6:15-20; Matt. 5:27-28

How?

b) Know how to control your own body vs. 4-6a

2 Cor. 4:7; 2 Tim. 2:20-22; 1 Cor. 9:27; 2 Cor. 12:21
Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 5:5-18; Col. 3:16; Psalm 119:11, 105
1 Cor. 6:13; Romans 6:12-13; Romans 12:1; 2 Cor. 7:1
1 Peter 1:14-15; Gal. 5:19-21; Matt. 18:6-7

Why?

c) Because of God's right to judge vs. 6b

Heb. 13:4; Psalm 11:18; Romans 13:4; 2 Cor. 10:6

d) Because of God's purpose vs. 7

Eph. 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:12; Heb. 12:14; Titus 2:14
2 Thess. 2:13-14; Romans 8:29; Col. 3:10; Eph. 5:25-27

e) Because of God's Holy Spirit vs. 8

1 John 3:24; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Rom. 8:16
2 Cor. 5:4-10; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Peter 2:11