

Great In SEXUALITY 1 Thess. 4:1-12 *Great Relationships* 5-22-16

We live in a sex-saturated society ... and so did Paul and the early church.

As Paul writes, he prays: Love for each other & strength to be holy!

What is God saying to Christians in our similarly sex-saturated societies?

1. LIVE TO PLEASE GOD

*** Be Holy in Sexual Behavior**

~ Holy: God's will. Be distinct from culture for God.

~ Use your bodies so world sees you're different...imitate Jesus.

*** Follow this Clear Pattern**

~ Avoid sexual immorality : ***“porneia”*** **Mk. 7:21**

~ Learn to control your body in holy & honorable ways.

~ Don't harm others or take advantage in your sexual behavior

- Love is not Rude ... or Greedy ...

Holy patterns lead to holy actions that please God! Grow in love!

2. HOW CAN WE LIVE HOLY LIVES?

*** Be Aware That Jesus is Coming**

~ Anticipating with holy fear that seeks to please God.

*** Take Our Father's Call Seriously**

~ Clarify your call to practice an actively holy life.

*** Live In The Spirit's Power**

~ Spirit is Grace who empowers us to act more holy as we are in Jesus!

~ Rely on the Spirit to enable you to sexually live holy & please God.