

# IMITATORS & EXAMPLES

A Series in 1 Thessalonians





Scripture Reading:

**1 THESSALONIANS**

**3:11 – 4:8**





counter tops

friendship

**SANCTIFICATION**

tools

**HOLINESS**

marriage

furniture

family name



consecration

purification

loyalty

blamelessness

**SANCTIFICATION**

**HOLINESS**

goodness/  
wholesomeness

fittedness/  
readiness

sacredness/  
reverence



# SANCTIFICATION HOLINESS

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impurity

craving

injustice

(epithumia)

"passionate lust"



Will of God  
Love

**SANCTIFICATION**  
**HOLINESS**



**GOD  
DEMANDS,  
DEFINES  
AND DIRECTS  
OUR SANCTIFICATION.**



# **1. GOD DEMANDS OUR SANCTIFICATION**

**Hebrews 12:14**

**Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness (sanctification) no one will see the Lord.**



In  
10 verses there are  
14 references to the  
importance of sanctification



**Exhortation**

**every demand is an encouragement.**



## **2. SANCTIFICATION IS THE PURSUIT OF PURITY.**

**1 Thess 4:7**

**For God did not call us for impurity,  
but in holiness.**



**Purity**



# EXAMPLE: SEXUAL MORALITY

Three degradations:

1. Impurity - misuse of gift
2. Slavery - uncontrolled craving
3. Injustice - harming and taking advantage

This is true for every sin.



# EXAMPLE: SEXUAL MORALITY

3 degradations

1. Impurity
2. Slavery/thrall
3. Injustice

3 establishments (3:13)

1. Purity
2. Conscience
3. Righteousness



# EXHORTATION

Every demand is an offer

Holiness is the foundation of Love

God has called you "in" holiness

He gives you his Holy Spirit



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