

# 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

*Pornography: Purity is Possible!*

## Have you lost hope for change?

a) You Can \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-2)

b) God Wants You to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-3)

c) God Wants You to be Sanctified in your \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

## God Wants Your Sex to be Sanctified!

1) \_\_\_\_\_ from sexual immorality; \_\_\_\_\_ biblical sexual morality (v.3)

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

2) Live with \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

**1 Corinthians 10:6-14**

<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

3) Live Differently than \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5)

**1 Peter 2:11-12**

4) Realize Your Sin Against \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5)

**Proverbs 7:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> With her many persuasions she entices him; With her flattering lips she seduces him.

<sup>22</sup> Suddenly he follows her As an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as *one in* fetters to the discipline of a fool, <sup>23</sup> Until an arrow pierces through his liver; As a bird hastens to the snare, So he does not know that it *will cost him* his life.

# Biblical Motivation for Change

## 1) God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Wrong (v.6-7)

### Galatians 6:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

<sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

### Proverbs 28:13

<sup>13</sup> He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.

## 2) Your Actions are a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Suppressing His Spirit (v.8)

### Ephesians 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

<sup>3</sup> But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; ... <sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

## 3) Have You Considered \_\_\_\_\_?

### Matthew 5:27-30

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; <sup>28</sup> but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> "If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

## 4) Depend on God, Who Can \_\_\_\_\_ You.

### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, ... will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.