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Chapter 4

(1) Furthermore then we urge you, brothers, and encourage *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received from us how you ought to live and to please God, so you would grow more and more.

(2) Because you know the commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

(3) Because this is the will of God, *even* your growing in sanctification {spiritual maturity},^a that you should abstain from fornication {sex outside of marriage}:^b

(4) That every one of you should know how to possess his body in purity and honor;

(5) Not in the passions of lust, as the Gentiles {non-Jews} who do not know God:

(7) Because God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness.

(8) He therefore who despises {these commandments}, does not despise man, but God, Who has also given to us His Holy Spirit.

(9) But concerning brotherly love you do not need that I write to you: because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

(10) And indeed you do it towards all the brothers who are in all Macedonia: but we urge you, brothers, that you increase more and more;

(11) And that you study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

(12) That you may walk honestly towards those who are outside, and *that* you may not lack anything.

4:3a – sanctification – purification – growing in spiritual maturity

4:3b – fornication – having sex with someone you are not married to – see notes on Mat. 5:32; 15:19; Acts 15:20