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1 Thessalonians Lesson #12, Chapter 4:1-8

Ask the Lord for His help and insight as you study His Word.

1.	What is Paul "finally" telling the brethren in verse 1?
2.	Define request [Strong's #2065 (ESV ask; NKJV urge; NIV instruct)].
	a. Define exhort [Strong's #3870 (ESV urge; NIV instruct)].
3.	Even though the Thessalonians are doing what Paul had instructed them, what does he urge them to do (verse 1)?
4.	Paul tells us that even though you are walking with God you need to continue to make progress in our faith. What are some areas in which you can continue in, to excel in? What are some specific steps you can take to excel or abound in that area(s)?
5.	Why is it important for a Christian to be urged to excel still more in his walk?

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6.	The Scriptures make it clear that we are to progress in our faith. Look up the following verses: Philippians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9-10; 4:3. What do you learn?
7.	In verses 1 and 2 Paul reminds the Thessalonians that he had already instructed them in how they should walk. What observations can you make about Paul's instruction from verses 1 and 2?
8.	Many people wonder about God's will for their lives. What does verse 3 tell us about God's will?
9.	Define sanctification [Strong's #38].
	a. Define abstain [Strong's #567 (NIV avoid)].
	b. Define sexual immorality [Strong's #4202].
10.	How can sexual purity be maintained in a believer's life (verses 3-4)?

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11.	In case they were foggy on what sexual purity might look like in their lives Paul provides an example in verse 5. What is it?
12.	What reason does Paul give for the Gentiles' immorality (verse 5)?
13.	What actions or attitudes does verse 5 imply about those who do know God?
14.	What further instruction does Paul give in verse 6 for maintaining sexual purity?
15.	Paul states the purpose of our calling (verse 7). What is it?
	a. Look up Leviticus 19:2; Eph. 1:4; 4:19-24; 1 Peter 1:14-16. What do you learn?
16.	What solemn promise does Paul make in verse 8?

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17.	What does this tell you about the seriousness of obeying God's word? See John 12:47-50.
18.	Anyone who loves God wants to please Him. According to verses 1-8 what is an absolute, sure-fire way to please God?
19.	What are some specific ways you can apply the truths of this passage in your life?
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