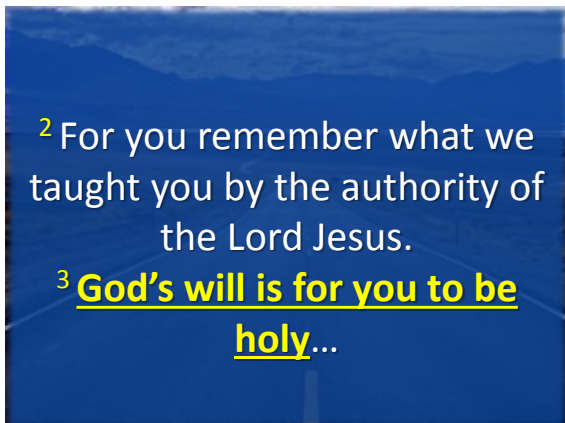




¹ Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.



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 (4:1) "brothers and sisters"
 (4:2) "by the authority of the Lord Jesus"

God's will is to abstain from sexual sin!

³ God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

God's will is to abstain from sexual sin!

⁴ Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—

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⁵ not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.

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^{6a} Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife...

God's will is to abstain from sexual sin!

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. (Gen 2:24)

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“Haven't you read the Scriptures?” **Jesus** replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’” (Matt 19:4)

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And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' (Matt 19:5)

God's will is to abstain from sexual sin!

Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."
(Matt 19:6)

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Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. ...
(Hebrews 13:4a)

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Why is God making such a big deal about sexual sin?

Because it is very destructive!

⁶ ...for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. ⁷ God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives.

Why is God making such a big deal about sexual sin?

They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. **(2 Pet 2:19)**

Why is God making such a big deal about sexual sin?

Because it is Rejecting the LORD!

⁸ Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

PRAYER

Jesus my LORD, I will cling to YOUR purity and holiness.

Excelling for Christ

Is The road less travelled!
Will you take this road?

**"We urge you" (1, 10)
"Make it your goal" (11)**

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Have Healthy Christian Relationships

⁹ But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another.

Have Healthy Christian Relationships

¹⁰ Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more.

Be Quiet before God and Invest Highly into Family

¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business...

Be A Hard Worker

¹¹ ...and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. ¹² Then people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

