

EBW Spring 2020

Fellowship Mtg 7

1 Thessalonians Chapter 4:1-8

Study Questions

- Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's leading and understanding as you read 1 Thessalonians.
- As you read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, also continue to read through 1 Thessalonians. This will help you to keep in mind the big picture of the whole book while you also note observations specifically for this passage.
- A copy of 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 is on the last page and ready for you to use to mark any of your observations.

Observation questions: (*Some questions taken from Scripture Paths Bible Study)

1. In a few words, summarize the first paragraph (v. 1- 8) of 1 Thessalonians 4. (Doing this now will be helpful for our next lesson when we will summarize paragraphs 2 and 3 as well.)
2. Review Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians found in 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13. How does Paul's prayer relate to the instructions and exhortations found in 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8?
3. Paul makes a contrast between godly and ungodly behavior in verses 3, 4, and 7 of this passage. What word is repeated that indicates godly behavior? What words does he use that indicate ungodly behavior?
4. What is the purpose of our calling according to Paul in verse 7? Additionally, look up the following verses and note what you learn:
 - a. Leviticus 19:2

b. Ephesians 1:4

c. Ephesians 4:19-24

d. 1 Peter 1:14-16

Chapter 4:1-8 Observation Questions:

Who and what do we find in chapter 4:1-8? Include the verse/s where you find your observation.
See example.

Who	What
Example: Brethren (the Thessalonians)	They had received instruction from Paul as to how they ought to walk and please God (v. 1)

Notes: (for Interpretation and Application) Feel free to jot down your own notes; we will also cover this at the meeting.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Finally then, brothers and sisters, we request and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received instruction from us as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel even more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶and that no one violate the rights and take advantage of his brother or sister in the matter, because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you previously and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸Therefore, the one who rejects this is not rejecting man, but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.