

PAUL TO A "T"  
**1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12**

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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**Lesson 5 • 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 • October 19, 2011**

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Thessalonians 3** has been helpful to you?

**SECTION I: Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a, 7-8**

2. In **V1**, how did the writers instruct and urge the Thessalonians?
3. According to **V2**, by Whose authority were these instructions given?
4. For what purpose were these instructions given? See **V3a** and **V7**.
5. In **V8**, what is the truth about the person who does not follow these instructions?
6. Scan 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. The theme of being "taught" and "instructed" permeates this chapter. Find all of the words or phrases that relate to this theme.
7. Why is "instruction" so important for the Thessalonians? Why is it important for you?
8. a) Where and from whom are you receiving instruction to live a life that pleases God? (**V1**)

8. b) Who are the people that you get to instruct on how to live a God-pleasing life?

c) What is the “authority” for that instruction in both cases?

9. What instruction from God’s Word do you resist or wrestle with, and how does **V8** convict or compel you?

### **SECTION II: Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3b-12**

10. In **V3b**, what are the Thessalonians instructed to avoid?

11. Summarize the definition of sexual immorality given in **V4-6**.

12. What are some of the possible sexual sins implied in **V6** as well as the consequences?

13. Contrast this teaching on sexual immorality to the world’s current view.

14. According to **V9-10**, why didn’t the authors need to instruct the Thessalonians?

15. Instead of instruct, what do the authors “urge” the Thessalonians to do in **V10**?

16. Share an example from your own life of how you’ve been “taught by God” to love others.

17. Rewrite the instruction from **V11** in your own words.

18. According to **V12**, what is the purpose of this “ambition”? Why?

19. Write a prayer based on this week’s passage.

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**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. What does the Bible say about living to “please God”? Write key words or summations from the following verses:

Psalm 104:33-34 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 15:8, 26 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 14:13-18 \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 1:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:14-18 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy. 2:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Another of your favorites \_\_\_\_\_

2. What areas of your daily life demonstrate a desire to please God? What area still has room for growth?

