



I THESSALONIANS

Part Thirty Five: "Excellence in Moral Purity, Part 1"

I Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication

Excellence in Moral Purity

Moral Purity is a matter of fulfilling my life's purpose.

1. There are three actions about which the Bible says, "This is the will of God." That is not to say that these are the **ONLY** actions that are the will of God for the believer, but it does make these three pretty important:

a. In every thing give thanks. I Thessalonians 5:18.

b. That with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. 1 Peter 2:15.

c. That ye should abstain from fornication. I Thessalonians 4:3.

2. The "will" of God means God's desire.

3. "Sanctification" is to be made like Jesus. It literally means "purification."

4. The word for fornication is the Greek word "pornea." It means "harlotry," and it is the word from which we get our word "pornography."

5. The Greek word translated "abstain" means "to hold oneself back."

My life's purpose as a believer is to fulfill God's desires. It is God's desire that His people become strong enough to restrain themselves from the moral looseness of this world.