

I Thessalonians 4:1-12
Living a Stable Life

3:10-13 God's **PROCESS** For All Believers
Growing and Overflowing *Love* = STABILITY

3:10-13 God's **GOAL** For All Believers
Future PERFECTION

ἅγιος Holy
“*Position*”

ἁγιασμος Sanctification
“*Process*”

ἁγιασυνη Holiness
“*Perfection*”

2 Cor. 7:1 ... let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit,
perfecting (τελεω) holiness (ἁγιασυνη) in the fear of God
(*The fear of the Lord is the **beginning** of knowledge... It is also the **end point!***)

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ἁγιασμος Sanctification “Process”

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**

1Th 4:4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel
in sanctification and honor

1Th 4:7 **God has not *called us* into impurity**, but
in the ongoing sanctification.

2Th 2:13 **God has *chosen you* from the beginning into salvation—**
in the ongoing sanctification (of the Spirit)
and **in the ongoing** belief (of the Truth)

God expects a “Process”—Progress!

This is the will of God, your **Sanctification**

That you **ABSTAIN “get rid of”**

That you **KNOW “learn”**

That you **CONTROL “your own body (*imagination, will*)”**

IN “ongoing” **holiness (sanctification)**

and **honor (value your body)**

NOT IN **lust (“*I want that...*”) of **passion****

Demosthenes (384 BC): “We keep prostitutes for pleasure; we keep mistresses for the day to day needs of the body; we keep wives for the begetting of children and for the faithful guardianship of our homes.”

As long as a man supported his wife and family there was no shame whatsoever in extra-marital relationships.

Heb. 10:30 For **we know Him** who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE **HIS PEOPLE.**”

Heb. 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God

4:10b We URGE you ...

4:11 That you ASPIRE ... *have as your AMBITION*

To live the Quiet Life *attitude and speech*

To tend to your own business

To work with your hands

4:12 The Purpose: *A testimony of Honesty and Industry*

Prov. 6:9 How long will you lie down, O **sluggard**?

When will you arise from your sleep?

Prov. 26:14 Like the door turns on its hinges,

So is the **sluggard** on his bed.

Prov. 26:15 The **sluggard** buries his hand in the dish

And he is weary of bringing it to his mouth again.

Prov. 20:4 The **sluggard** does not plow after the autumn,
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

Prov. 21:25 The desire of the **sluggard** puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to work;

Prov. 22:13 The **sluggard** says, "There is a lion outside;
I will be killed in the streets!"

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NEXT WEEK: "THE PRESENT COMFORT"
COMFORT IN FACING DEATH