

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 4

Verse 4-5

1. “Concupiscence” means “a longing for what is _____.”
2. Paul makes it clear that there was to be a distinction between these believers (*“those who know God”*) and the pagan idolaters of Thessalonica (*“those who know not God”*). It should be like _____ and darkness. Ephesians 5:3-8
 - *“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”*

2 Timothy 2:20-21

Verse 6

1. To “_____” carries the idea of coveting and being eager for gain. If we defraud our brother, it means that we want something that he’s got and we’re willing to _____ ourselves at his expense.
 - *“Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.”* **Leviticus 19:13**
2. In Ezekiel 34:1-10 we see an example of this. The _____ were enriching themselves at the flock’s expense.
3. “Avenger” means “one who carries out _____.”
4. There will be a day of accountability for _____ believers. Romans 14:10-12

Verse 7

1. Paul makes it very clear that the living and true God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. Why? Because our God is _____.
1 Peter 1:14-16
2. Today, it has become very popular to emphasize God’s grace and our liberty in Christ, but in a way that encourages and promotes _____ living.

3. What does God's grace teach us?
 - *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."* **Titus 2:11-12**

Verse 8

1. The word "despiseth" in this verse means "to set aside, to violate."
2. When a believer chooses to set aside God's Word and live unholy, what happens?
The Bible teaches that we:
 - _____ the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30
 - _____ the Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19
3. As we yield to the Holy Spirit within, He provides power and strength to live a _____ life unto the Lord. Galatians 5:16-18
 - *"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."*
Ephesians 5:18