

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 26/09/2021

Text(s): 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

Sermon Title: Holy Living

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NIV84)

1 Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

2 For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,

5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

6 and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you.

7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

8 Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

9 Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

10 And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

11 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you,

12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. The first point of the sermon is holy living is a life that pleases God. Is it all right for a person to want to be a Christian but does not want to please God? Is it all right to want to have a place in heaven but don't want to please God?**
- 2. Point #3 of the sermon says holy living is living a life free of sexual immorality. How can Christians overcome the temptation to engage in sexual activity outside of marriage? What do believers need to have in order to be an overcomer?**

3. **Point #4 is holy living is living a life that is sanctified. Christ has cleansed us from our sins by His blood. He has made us holy. What does it mean to live a life that is sanctified?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **One of the ways to live out a holy lifestyle is to love one another more and more and to not take advantage of a brother or sister. How do people take advantage to others? How can we avoid doing it ourselves? And how can we love one another more and more?**
2. **In verse 11, Paul makes an interesting request of the Thessalonian Christians to lead a quiet life, mind their own business and work with their hands. What is the purpose of these requests? How can we follow this pattern ourselves?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to know how to connect with the Holy Spirit in order to receive His empowerment to live holy lives.
- Pray for our church to be a people who have a solid witness among pre-believers, where our character is known and respected by all who know us.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.