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1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

God's Will in the Scriptures:

1. That you be saved (1 Tim 2:4)
2. That you have a good witness to those outside the church (1 Pet 2:13-15)
3. That you be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18)
4. That you be thankful in all circumstances (1 Thess 5:18)

“Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit in us whereby our inner being is progressively changed, freeing us more and more from sinful traits and developing within us over time the virtues of Christlike character.”

- Jerry Bridges

“When we say no to sin, and yes to righteousness, we do so as two-year-olds bringing their Father pleasure. God is not apathetic to our obedience; he has committed his own joy to it.”

- **Luke Humphrey**

A Life Pleasing to God:

1. Sexual Purity (4:3-8)

Porneia (Sexual Immorality):

Any sexual activity (thought, desire, or deed) outside of the design of God for a covenant marriage between one man and one woman.

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Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

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“To be sexually impure therefore is basically to tell God that we don’t care what He says and to tell others that we don’t care who they are.”

- **Mark Howell**

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Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not.

1 Timothy 5:13

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For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10

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Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24

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How eager are you to please God?

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“I always do the things that are pleasing to the Father.”

John 8:29

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