

**HOW CAN WE LIVE A LIFE THAT EXCELS STILL MORE IN CHRIST?
CONTINUING TO LEARN HOW TO WALK AND PLEASE GOD
1 Thessalonians 4:1-3**

I. KEEP GROWING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST: Paul requests and exhorts the Thessalonians to excel still more in their walk with Christ (1-2)

- A. Keep excelling even more in how you ought to walk and please God (1)

- B. Thus...continue to receive instruction from His Word as you have concerning how to walk and please God (1)

- C. Knowing we are now obligated in Christ to obey His loving commands (1b-2)

II. KEEP REMEMBERING GOD'S WILL IS OUR SANCTIFICATION: *God's will for us is to set apart from sin unto Him (3-8a)*

- A. What is God's will in general?

- B. What is our sanctification? (3a)

(Note: We will look at verses 3-8 more closely next time)

- C. A direct application of God's will: Abstaining from sexual immorality! (3b-8)

III. KEEP RELYING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT (8b)