HOW CAN WE HAVE VICTORY OVER SEXUAL SIN? **EXCELLING STILL MORE IN CHRIST**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

- I. Review -- KEEP RECEIVING BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO WALK AND PLEASE GOD: Excel still more (1-2)
- II. Review -- KEEP REMEMBERING GOD'S WILL IS OUR SANCTIFICATION: Specifically, that we abstain from sexual sin (3)
- III. KEEP APPLYING (to your heart) BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION REGARDING SEXUAL **PURITY AND ABSTAIN (4-8a)**
 - A. Each of us are to understand how to righteously possess our own bodies (4-5)
 - 1. We are to know how to possess our own bodies in sanctification and honor (4)
 - 2. We are not to let our bodies control us like the pagans do, in lustful passion (5)
 - B. Be ever mindful and warned concerning the implications and consequences of this sin (6-8a)
 - 1. <u>Sexual sin defrauds and transgresses</u> our brothers and sisters (6a)
 - 2. Be warned the Lord will thus avenge sexual sin because God has not called us for impurity but sanctification (6b-7)
 - 3. Be warned, to reject this teaching would be rejection of God (8a)
- IV. KEEP RELYING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, who was given to you (8b)