

## 1 Thessalonians 4 Vocabulary

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4:1 **please**. *areskō*. "In Gk. lit. [*areskō*]. is used in a variety of senses ranging from conciliatory action ... to undertaking of civic responsibility that meets with public approval... **1** to act in a fawning manner, win favor, *please, flatter*, w. focus on the winning of approval... **2** to give pleasure/satisfaction, *please, accommodate*."

4:3 **will**. *theléma*. "**1** what one wishes to happen, objective sense, *what is willed*... **2** the act of willing or desiring, subjective sense, *will*."

4:3 **sanctification**. *hagiasmos*. "Personal dedication to the interests of the deity, *holiness, consecration, sanctification*; the use in a moral sense for a process or, more often, its result (the state of being made holy) is peculiar to [Christian] literature."

4:3 **abstain**. *apechō*. "**4** to be at some distance from a position, be distant... **5** to avoid contact with or use of something, *keep away, abstain, refrain from*."

4:3 **sexual immorality**. *porneia*. "**1** unlawful sexual intercourse, *prostitution, unchastity, fornication*... **2** participation in prohibited degrees of marriage, *fornication*."

4:4 **body**. *skeuos*. "**1** a material object used to meet some need in an occupation or other responsibility, genererally *thing, object* used for any purpose at all... **2** a container of any kind, *vessel, jar, dish*, etc. ... **3** a human being exercising a function, *instrument, vessel* figurative extension of 1 or 2... Of the body, in which the Spirit dwells... 2 Cor 4:7... 1 Th 4:4 from antiquity has been interpreted to mean one's own body ... or one's own wife... Also probable for 1 Th 4:4 is 'penis'."

4:6 **wrong**. *hyperbainō*. "2 in moral sense ('overstep, transgress, break' laws and commandments... absolute to transgress by going beyond proper limits in behavior, *trespass, sin*."

4:6 **exploit**. *pleonekteō*. "1 to take advantage of, exploit, outwit, defraud, cheat ... someone."

4:6 **avenger**. *ekdikos*. "pertaining to justice being done so as to rectify wrong done to another, *punishing*, substantive *one who punishes*."

4:7 **impurity**. *akatharsia*. "1 literally any substance that is filthy or dirty, *refuse ...* of the contents of graves, causing ceremonial impurity... 2 figuratively a state of moral corruption ... *immorality, vileness* especially of sexual sins."

4:7 **holiness**. See 4:3 sanctification.

4:15 **coming**. *parousia*. "1 the state of being present at a place, *presence... 2* arrival as the first stage in presence, *coming, advent... The word served as a [pagan] sacred expression for the coming of a hidden divinity, who makes his presence felt by a revelation of his power, or whose presence is celebrated in the cult... [Parousia] became the official term for a visit of a person of high rank, especially of kings and emperors visiting a province... Of Christ, and nearly always of his Messianic Advent in glory to judge the world at the end of this age... [This] gave rise to an opposing use of [parousia] to designate the coming of the Antichrist ... in the last times ... whose coming is in keeping with / in line with Satan's power 2 Th 2:9."*

4:17 **caught up**. *harpazō*. "1 to make off with someone's property by attacking or seizing, *steal, carry off, drag away... Of rescue from threatening danger... 2* to grab or seize suddenly so as to remove or gain control, *snatch/take away... Be caught up to the third heaven* 2 Cor 12:2... Of the [Spirit of the Lord], which carries someone away Ac 8:39... Used of winds which transport a person from one place to another far away.