

# How You Ought to Walk

1 Thess. 4:1-12

## Introduction:

- A. Christians need to know how to walk as Christians (v. 1).
  - 1. More to it than just obeying first principles.
  - 2. More to it than just belonging to the “right church”
  - 3. More to it than just attending services regularly.
- B. Christians learn how to walk for from inspired men (Vs. 1,2)
- C. Our text tells reminds us of three ways that Christians ought walk:

## Discussion:

### **I. Christians Ought to Walk in *Purity*.**

- A. Pure from the sins of “the Gentiles.” (Vs. 3-5, 7).
  - 1. “Gentiles” put their will and desires first (V. 5, 1 Pet. 4:2-4).  
(Must not *blindly* adopt styles, customs, and values)
  - 2. Christians put God’s will and desire first (V. 1).
- B. Possessing his “vessel” (body) in honor. (V. 4).
  - 1. An instrument for good, not evil. (Rom. 6:12,13).
  - 2. Use it and display it with purity.

### **II. Christians Ought to Walk in *Fairness*.**

- A. Must not defraud or take advantage of others (v. 6)
  - 1. Context may point to adultery — “this matter” (NKJ)
  - 2. Principle still true of “any matter.”
    - a. Not in business matters.
    - b. Not in social matters.
    - c. Not in domestic matters.
    - d. Not in church matters.
- B. Must show love rather than defraud. (Vs. 9-10).
  - 1. Brotherly love proven by obeying God. (1 Jno. 5:2).
  - 2. Brother love seeks best interest of brother -not mere sentimentalism.

### **III. Christians Ought to Walk in *Honor*.**

- A. Not meddling nor free-loading (vs. 11; cf. 2 Thess. 3:8-11)
- B. But honorably toward non-Christians (vv. 11,12)

## Conclusion:

- 1. Let walk properly before God and man.
- 2. Let each take first step by obeying gospel.