

TOPIC	VESSELS UNTO HONOR
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MEMORY VERSE	“That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor,” 1 Thessalonians 4:4
BIBLE TEXT	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

INTRODUCTION

Sanctification means separation from evil (**2 Chronicles 29:5**) and separation unto God (**2 Corinthians 6:17**). Sanctification means being made holy or purified. It is the will of God that every vessel (believer) should be sanctified (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**). Only sanctified vessels can be used of God (**2 Timothy 2:20-21**). Reviewing our text, sanctification involves:

- Pleasing God, **vs.1**
- Abstaining from sexual immorality, **vs.3**
- Knowing how to possess one’s vessel, **vs.4**
- Abstaining from lust, **vs.5**
- Not living like Gentiles (unbelievers), **vs.6**
- Not defrauding one another, **vs.6**
- Absolute cleanliness, **vs.7**

LESSON OUTLINE

A. HOW A VESSEL CAN BE SANCTIFIED

B. BENEFITS OF SANCTIFICATION

A. HOW A VESSEL CAN BE SANCTIFIED

1. By the word of God. So, meditate on the word day and night. (**John 15:3, 1 Timothy 4:5, Psalm 119: 101, Joshua 1:8**)
2. By the blood of Jesus (**Hebrews 13:12; Hebrews 10:29**)
3. By receiving a new heart (replacing the strong heart with fleshy heart). (**Ezekiel 36:26**)
4. By preparing to purge oneself of all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. (**2 Timothy 2:20-21; 2 Corinthians 7:1**)
5. By keeping God’s company and maintaining a constant fellowship with God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, (**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Ephesians 5:26 and Titus 3:5**)

Class Activity 1: Mention some things which a believer must avoid to remain sanctified.

Psalm 1:1 Psalm 19:14 Proverbs 4:23 2 Cor. 6:14-17 John 17:16-17
Mark 14:18-19 Romans 12:1-2

B. BENEFITS OF SANCTIFICATION

1. Living a holy life becomes easy.
2. The sanctified will become a vessel unto honor, unto God and for good work, (**2 Timothy 2:21**)
3. The fellow will start bearing fruits, (**Romans 6:22 and Galatian 5:22-23**)
4. The fellow will be an example of Christ in every good work. (**John 14:12**)

5. The fellow will have power to do greater works than Christ.
6. The fellow will become Christ's representative on earth.
7. The fellow will be guaranteed to enter Heaven after death. (**Acts 26:17-18**)

Class Activity 2: Mention the benefits of being sanctified

Mathew 5:8

2 Peter 1:5-8

2 Timothy 4:8

Psalm 15:1-2

1 John 2:17

CONCLUSION

Sanctification is possible through God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and has a lot of benefit here on earth and in Heaven. Be Sanctified!

ASSIGNMENT

1. Identify any 5 things that can contaminate a sanctified vessel.
2. Suggest ways out of contaminators which you have identified.