"Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;" 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

"that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 4:6-8

"When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now." ~ C. S. Lewis

"Love is not finding someone to live with; it's finding someone you can't live without."

~ Raphael Montanez Ortiz

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." ~ Helen Keller

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