

**LIVING IN THE WILL OF GOD - "LIVING TO PLEASE GOD"
I THESSALONIANS 4:1-12**

1. What did Pastor Ross mean by some people living as "spiritual minimalists"? Do you believe such is the case?
2. Why would Pastor Ross say that most of the "grace people" in the Church are minimalists?
3. Were you surprised to hear that Peace Church is not a good giving church? What do you think are the reasons for this?
4. What were Paul's three reasons for living to please God?
5. Does the reality that we will never be perfectly holy discourage some people from trying to lead a holy life? Is this reality an excuse for sinning or a true source of discouragement? What is the Biblical answer to those who bring up this dilemma?
6. What is Paul referring to when he uses the word "vessel"?
7. What two reasons does Paul consistently give for why we should avoid sexual immorality?
8. Why were laziness and a refusal to work such huge problems in Paul's day? Why are they huge issues in the American culture?
9. What three goals does Paul set before every Christian in relation to our work?
10. Paul gives three reasons why honest, fruitful and gainful employment are important. What are these three motivations?
11. Rodney Stark, in his book "The Rise of Christianity", explain the impact of the Christian view of sexual morality and honest work. How did these Christian lifestyle choices affect the Roman Empire? How might they help change America today?