

# Growing in Purity and Love

1 Thessalonians 4:3-12

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**How should we handle  
sexual temptation?**

# Growing Together, While Apart

1 Impact of **Faith**

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2a Toil of **Love**

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2b Orphaned but **Loved**

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3 Strength from **Hope**

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4 Growing in Purity + **Love**

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5a **Hope** of Salvation

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5b Acts of **Faith**

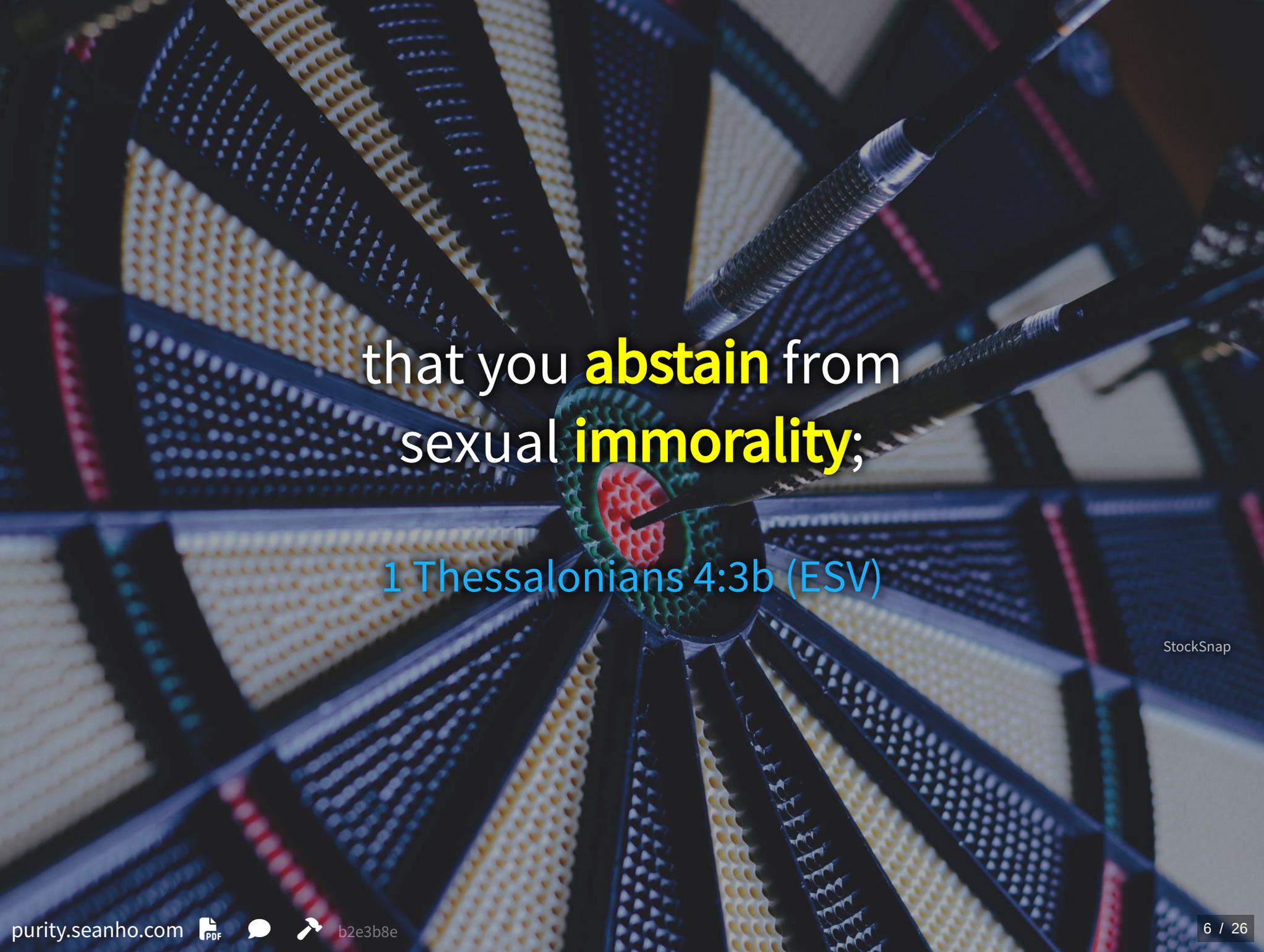
# Purity and Love (1Thes4)

1. The **Will** of God (v3-6a)
2. Our **Identity** in Christ (v6b-8)
3. From Selfishness to **Service** (v9-12)

For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**:

1. **Flee** Immorality
2. Honour God with Our Own **Bodies**
3. Honour **Others**

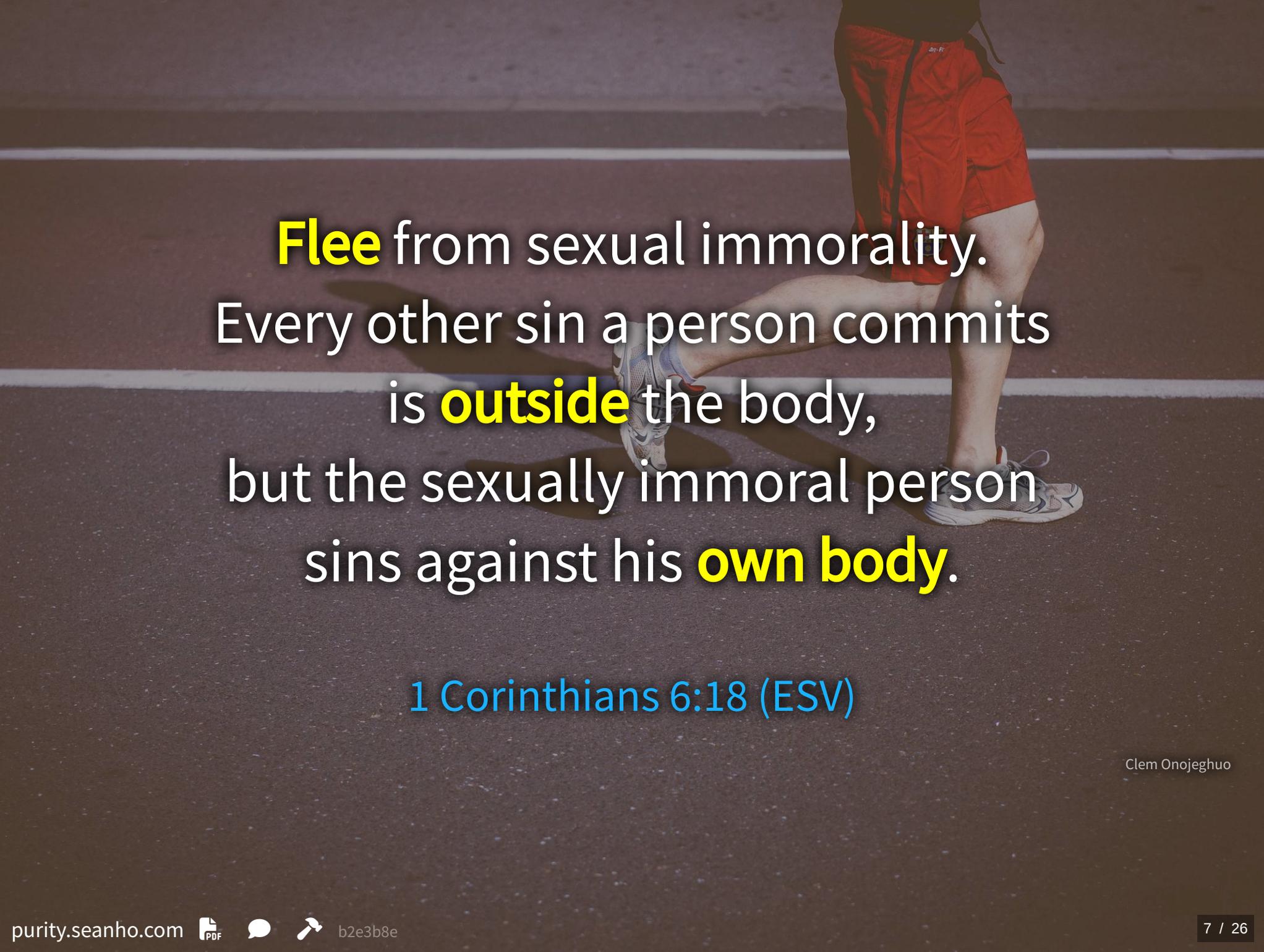
1 Thessalonians 4:3a (ESV)



that you **abstain** from  
sexual **immorality**;

1 Thessalonians 4:3b (ESV)

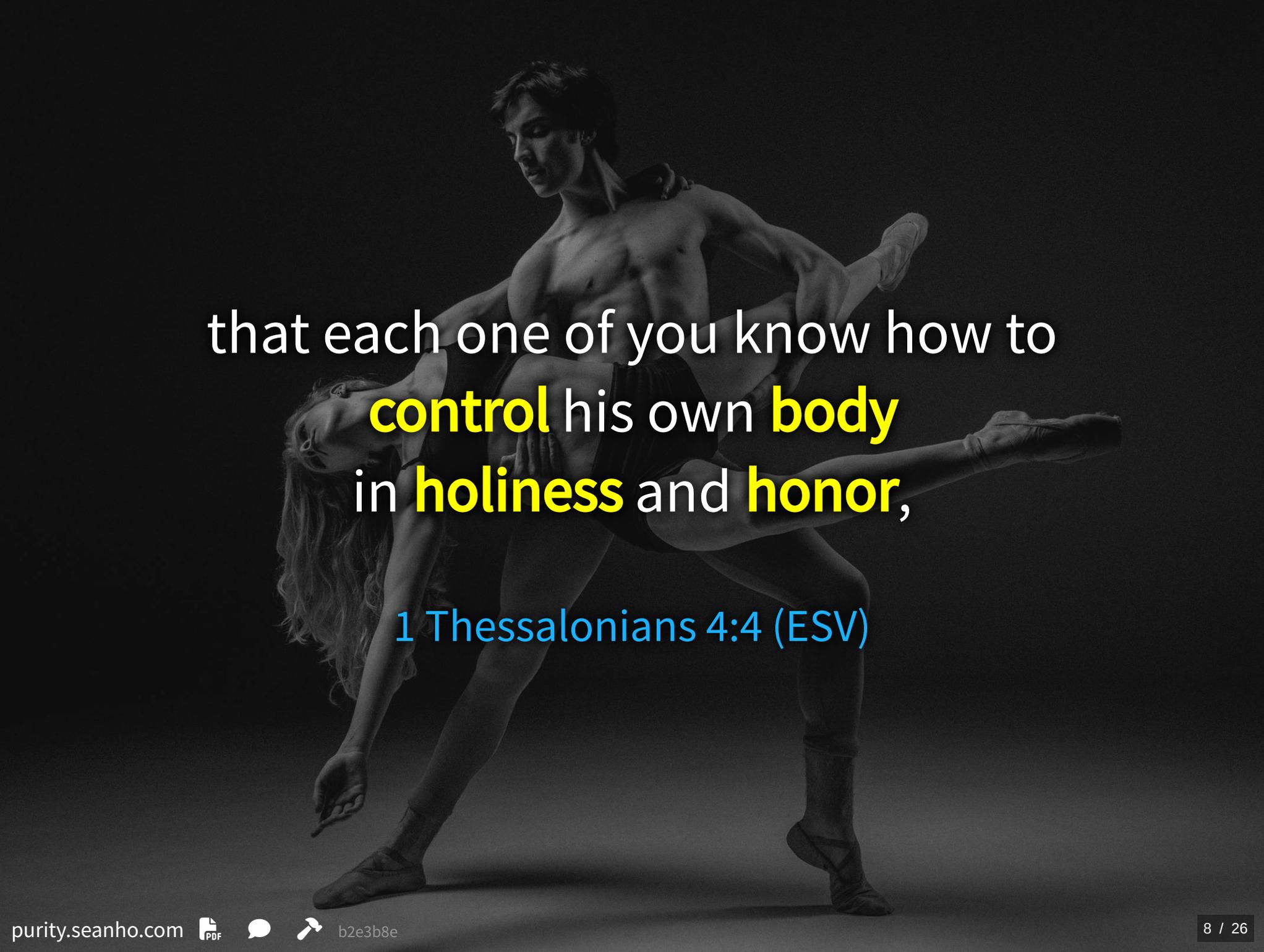
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A person wearing red shorts and white sneakers is running on a dark track. The person is captured from the waist down, moving from right to left. The background is a dark, textured surface with white lane markings.

**Flee** from sexual immorality.  
Every other sin a person commits  
is **outside** the body,  
but the sexually immoral person  
sins against his **own body**.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

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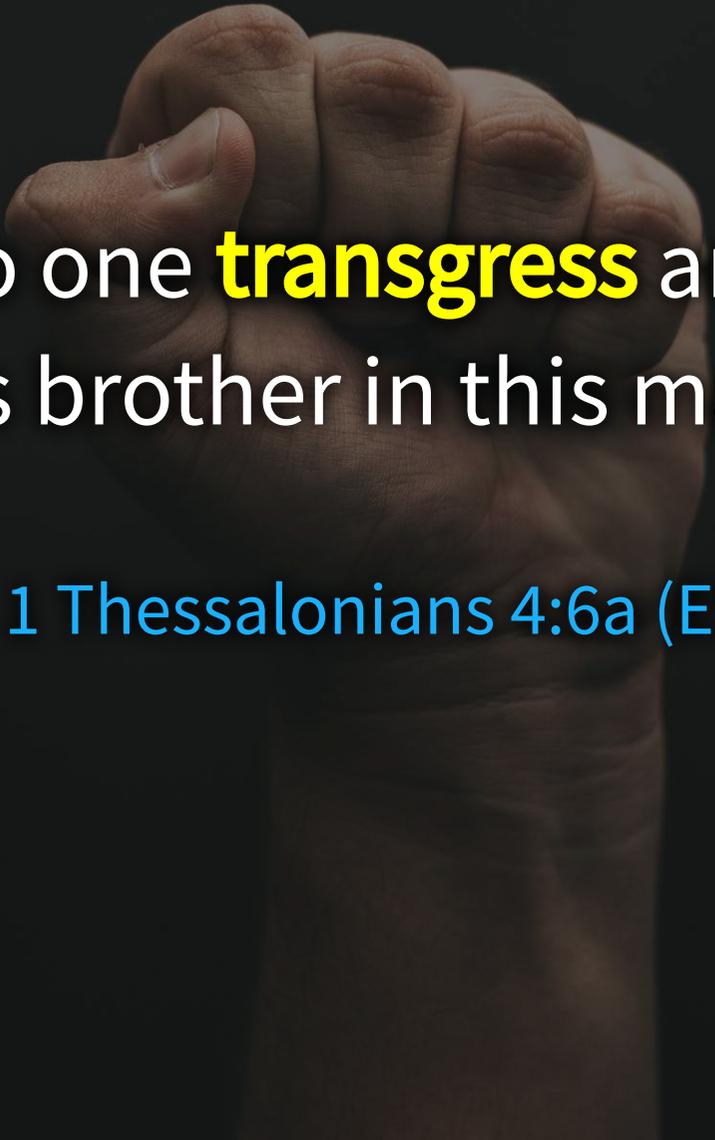
that each one of you know how to  
**control** his own **body**  
in **holiness** and **honor**,

1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)

not in the **passion** of **lust**  
like the Gentiles who do not **know God**;

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (ESV)

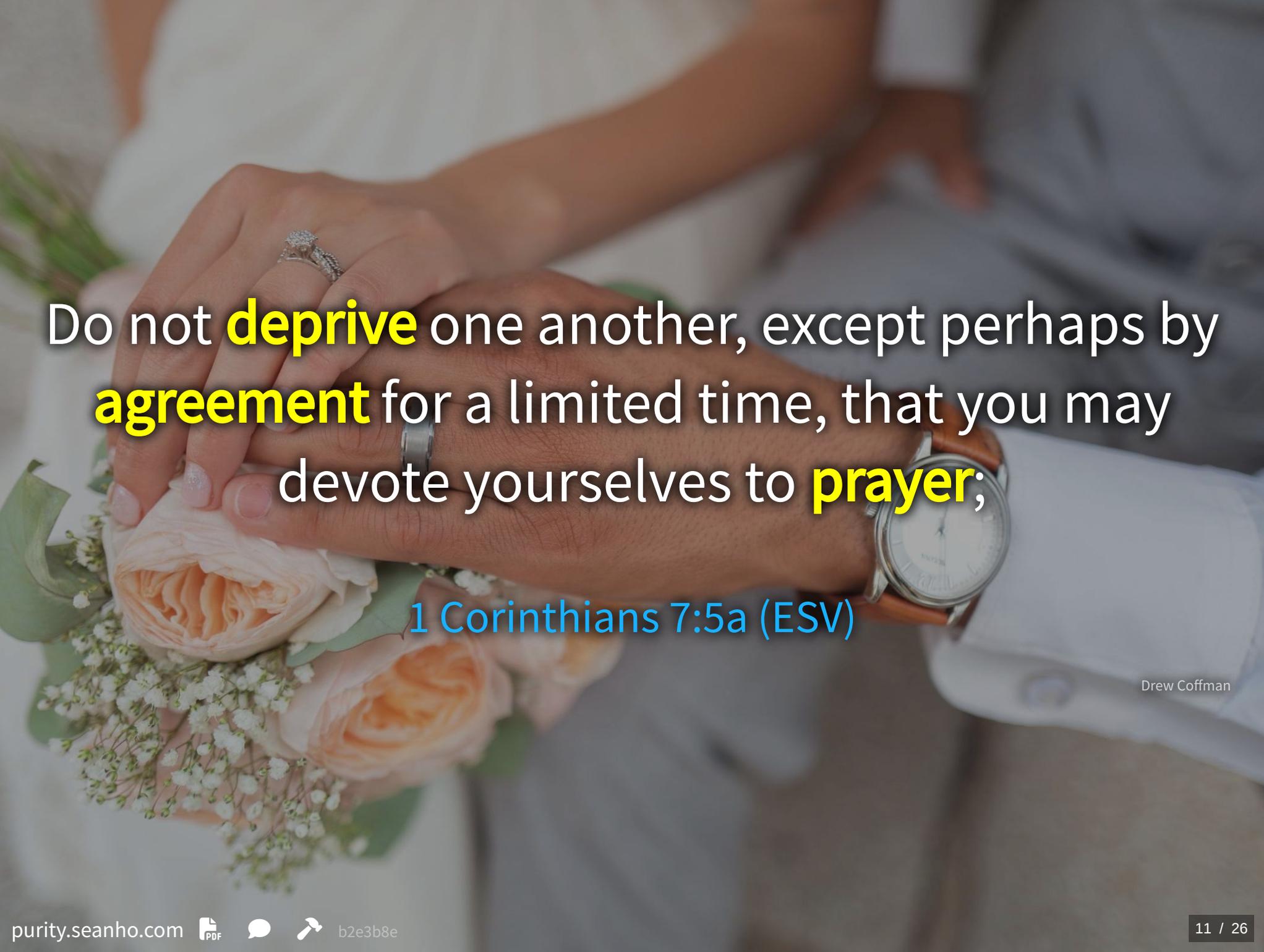
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that no one **transgress** and **wrong**  
his brother in this matter,

1 Thessalonians 4:6a (ESV)

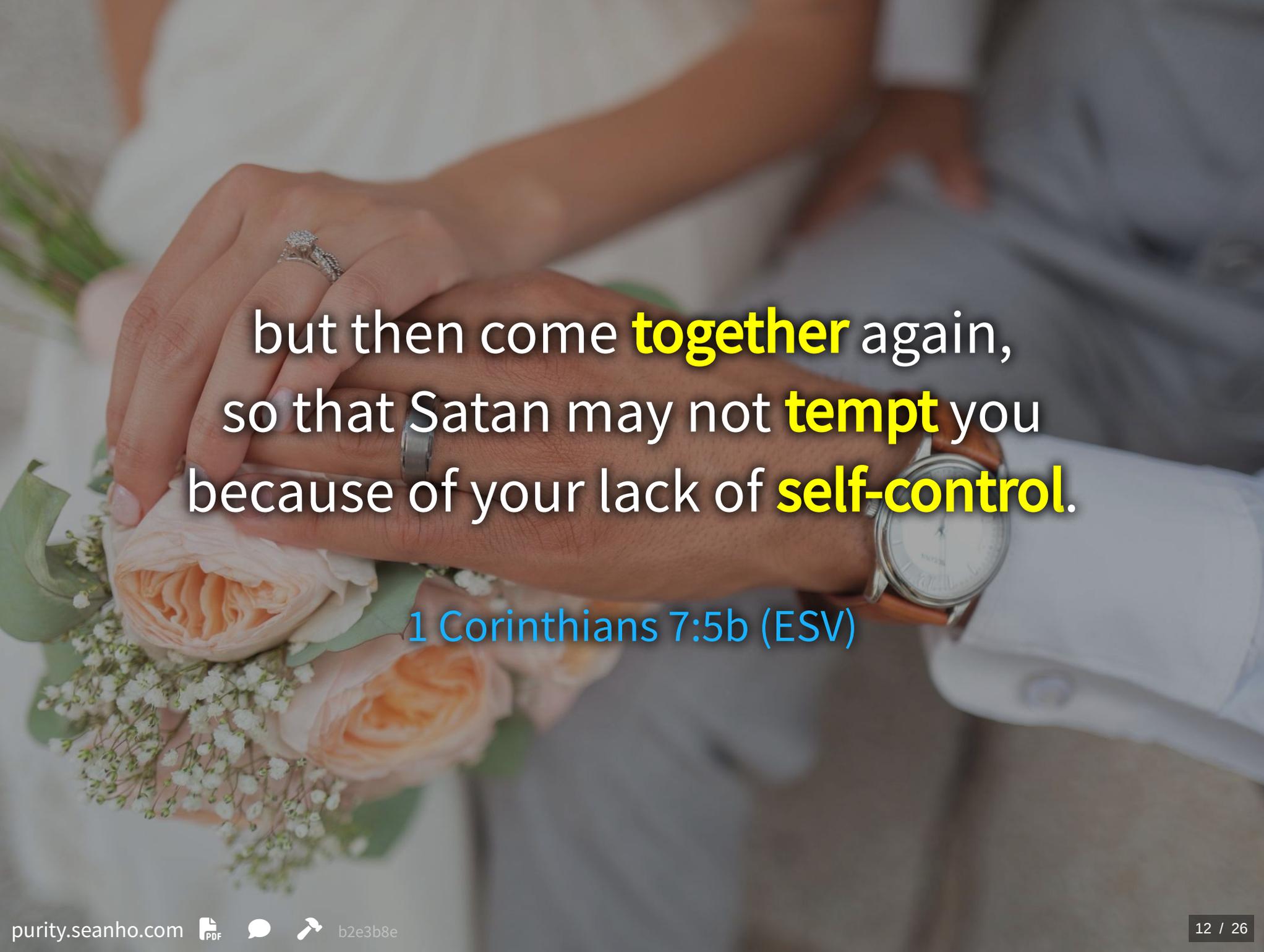
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Do not **deprive** one another, except perhaps by **agreement** for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to **prayer**;

1 Corinthians 7:5a (ESV)

Drew Coffman



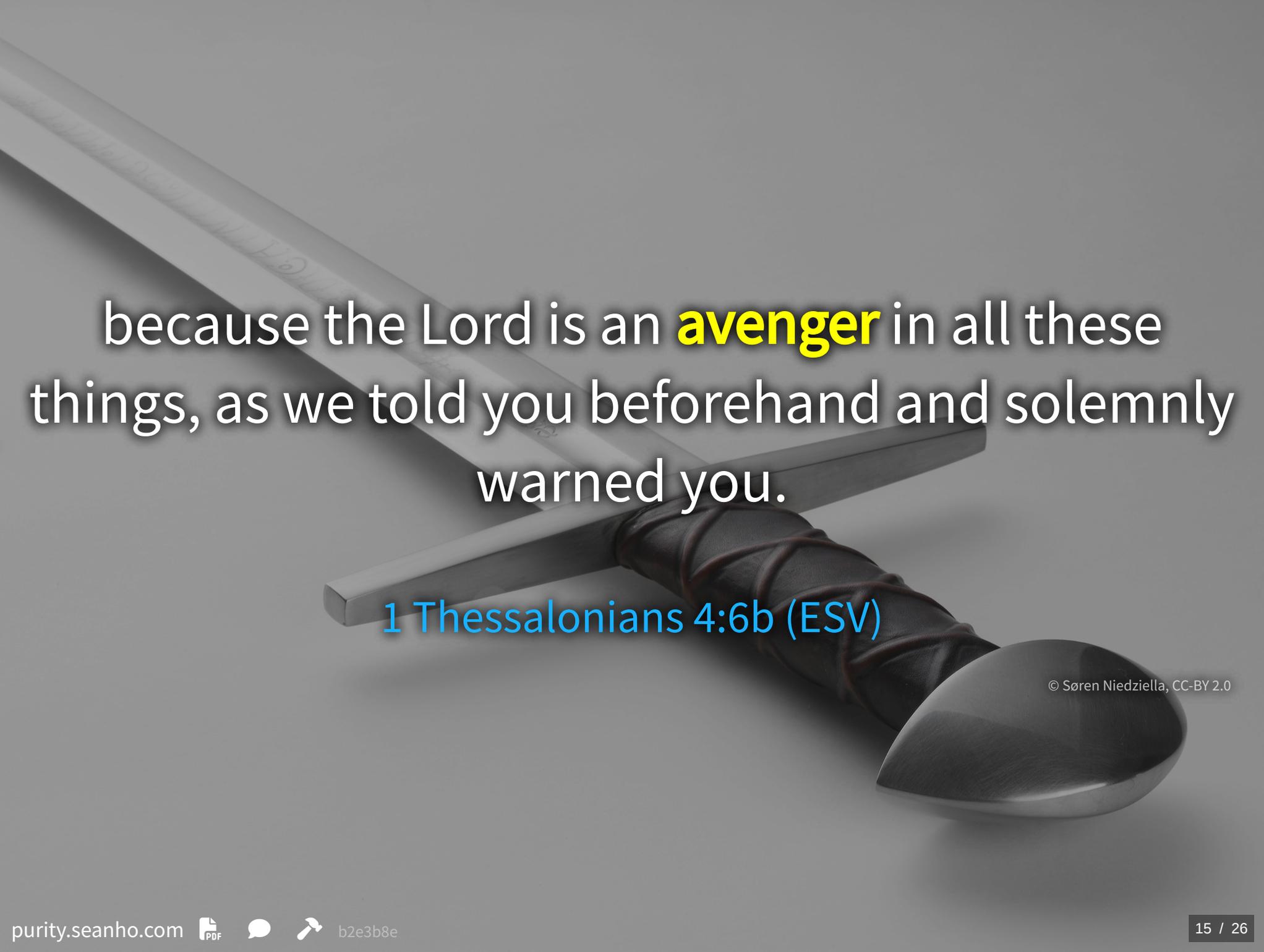
but then come **together** again,  
so that Satan may not **tempt** you  
because of your lack of **self-control**.

1 Corinthians 7:5b (ESV)

What is God's **will** for us  
regarding **sexuality**?

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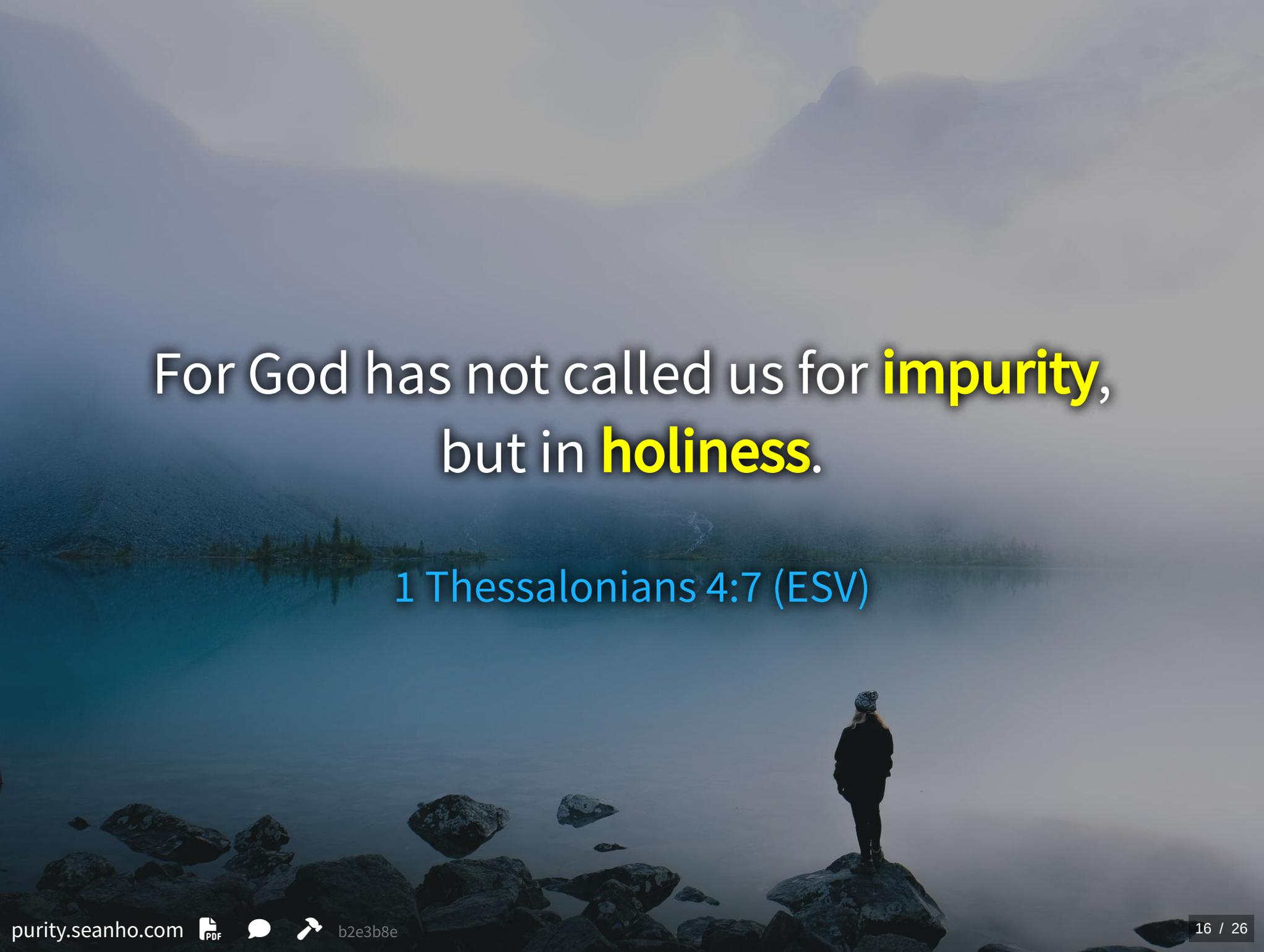
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3. From Selfishness to Service (v9-12)



because the Lord is an **avenger** in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

1 Thessalonians 4:6b (ESV)

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A person is standing on a large rock in the foreground, looking out over a calm, blue lake. The background features misty, mountainous terrain under a soft, overcast sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

For God has not called us for **impurity**,  
but in **holiness**.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)

Therefore whoever **disregards** this,  
disregards not **man** but **God**,  
who gives his **Holy Spirit** to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (ESV)

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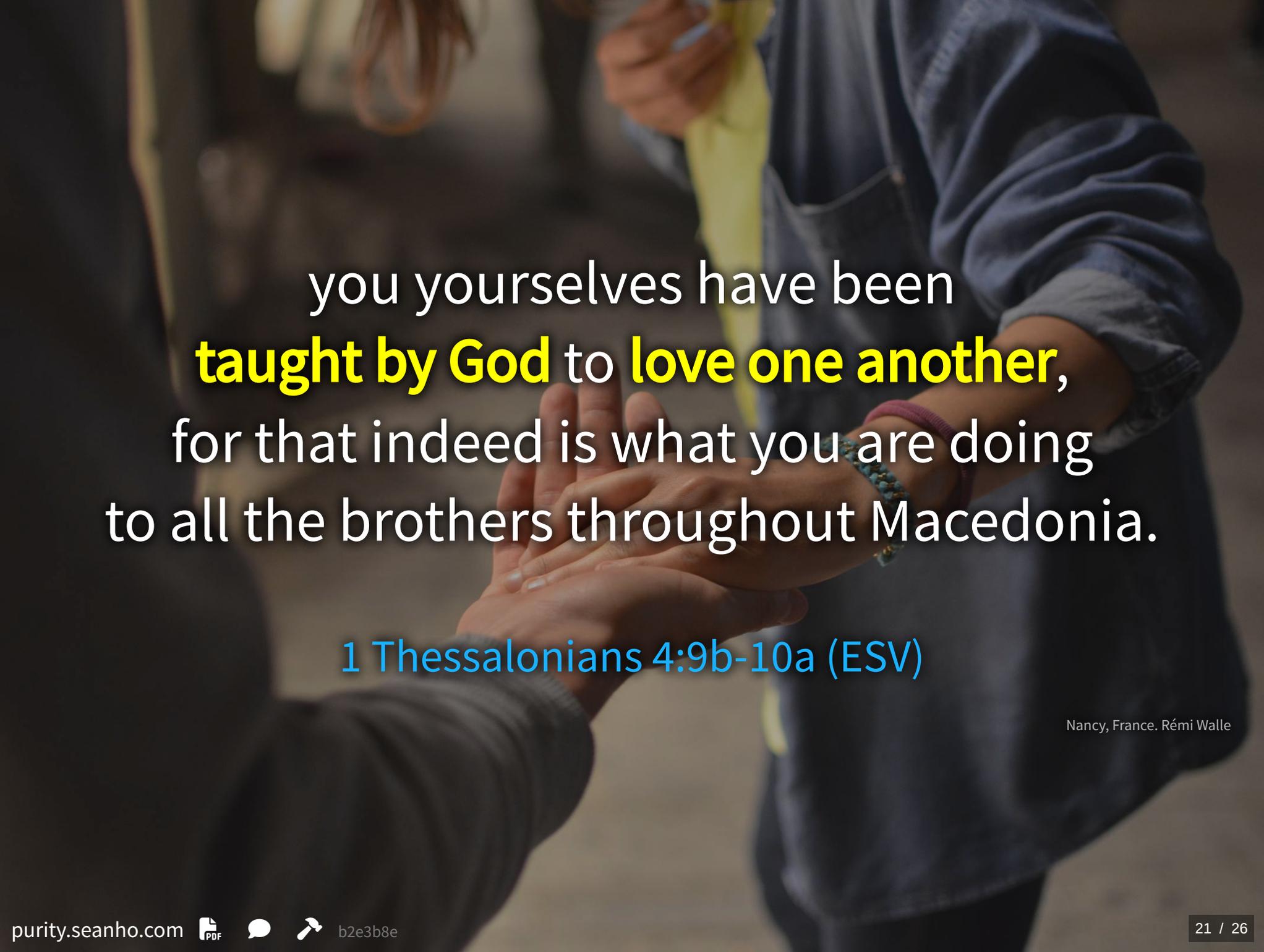
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What role does  
**sexuality** play in  
our **identity** in Christ?

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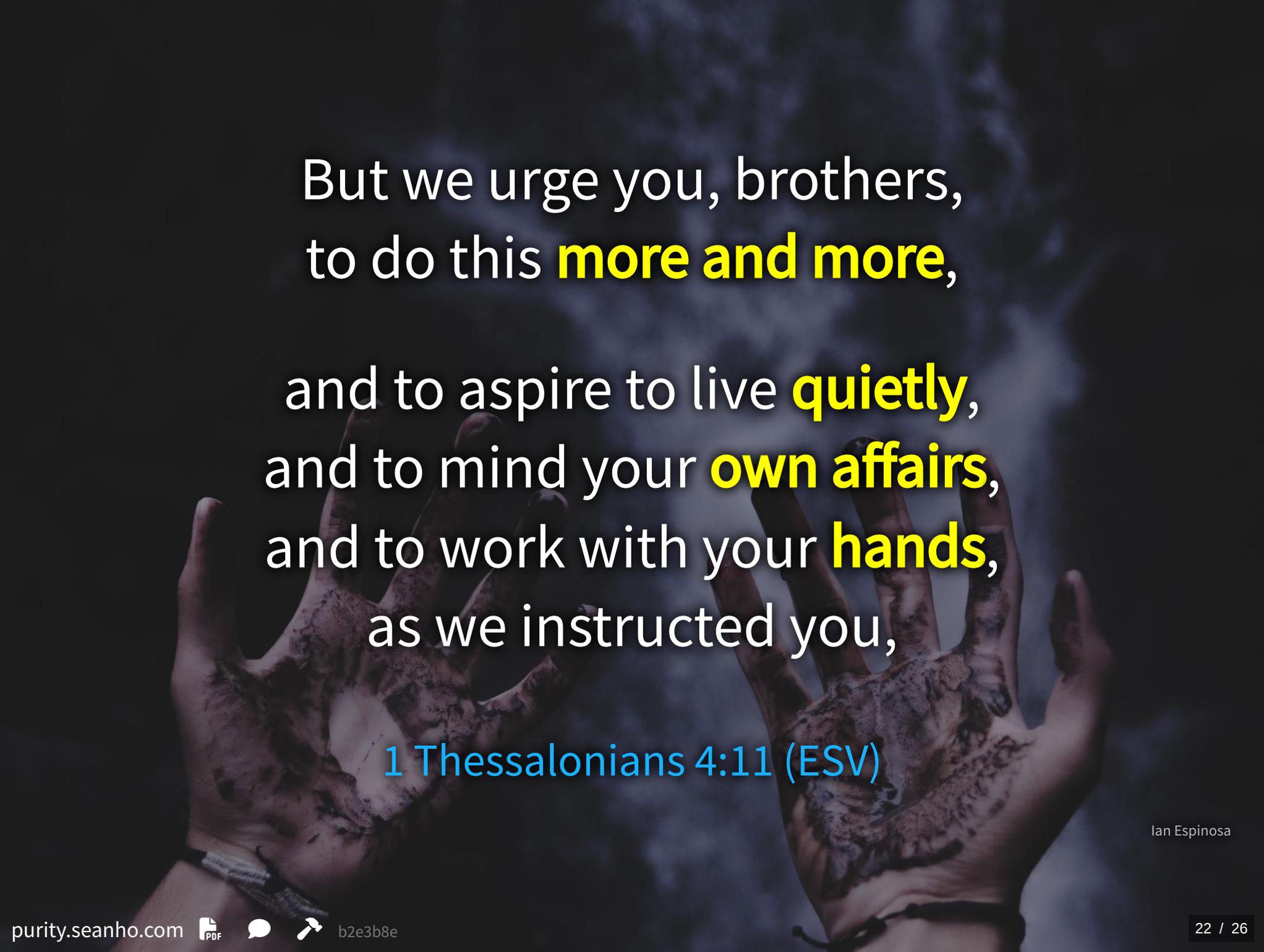
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you yourselves have been  
**taught by God to love one another,**  
for that indeed is what you are doing  
to all the brothers throughout Macedonia.

1 Thessalonians 4:9b-10a (ESV)

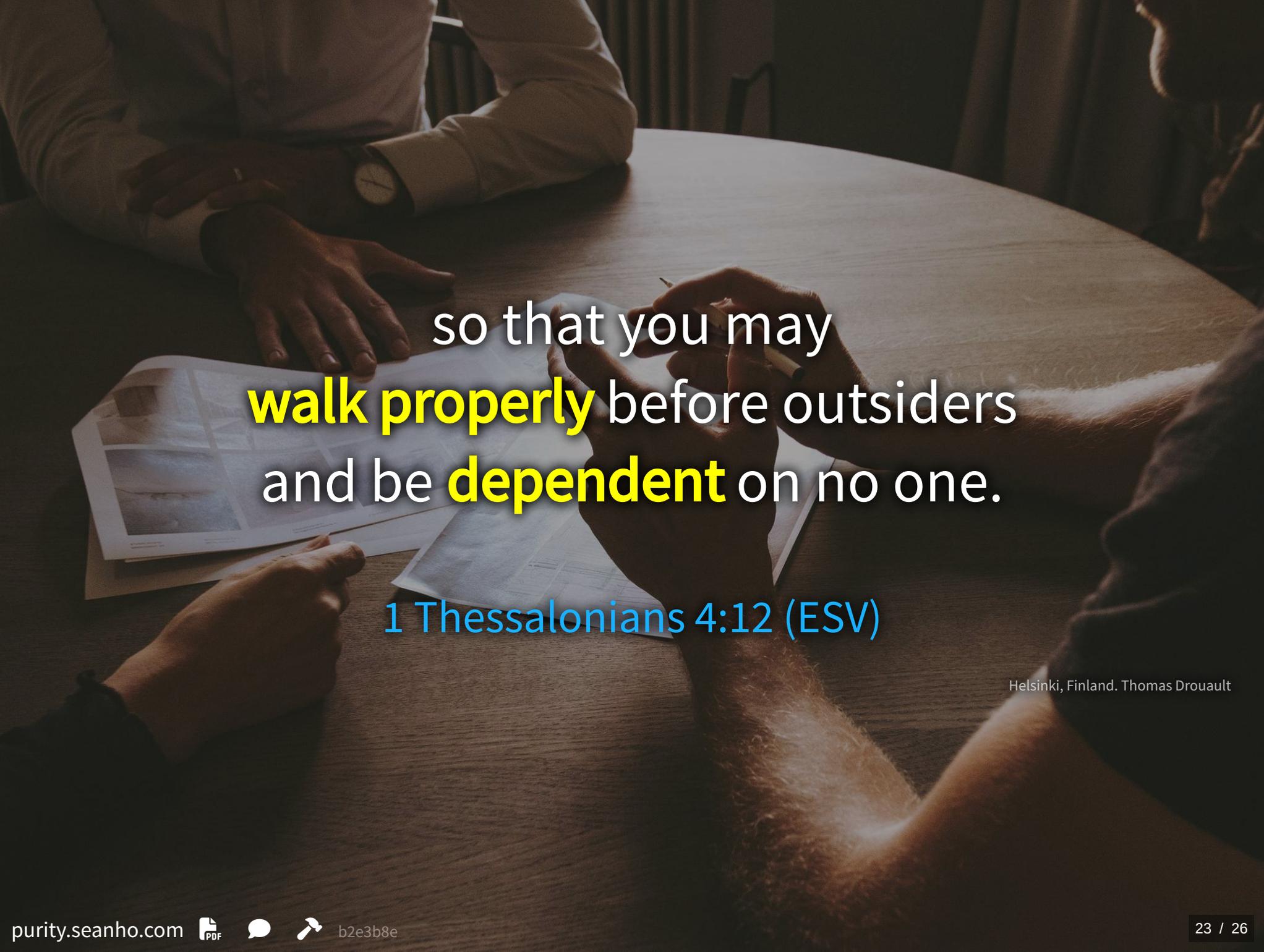
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But we urge you, brothers,  
to do this **more and more**,  
and to aspire to live **quietly**,  
and to mind your **own affairs**,  
and to work with your **hands**,  
as we instructed you,

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (ESV)

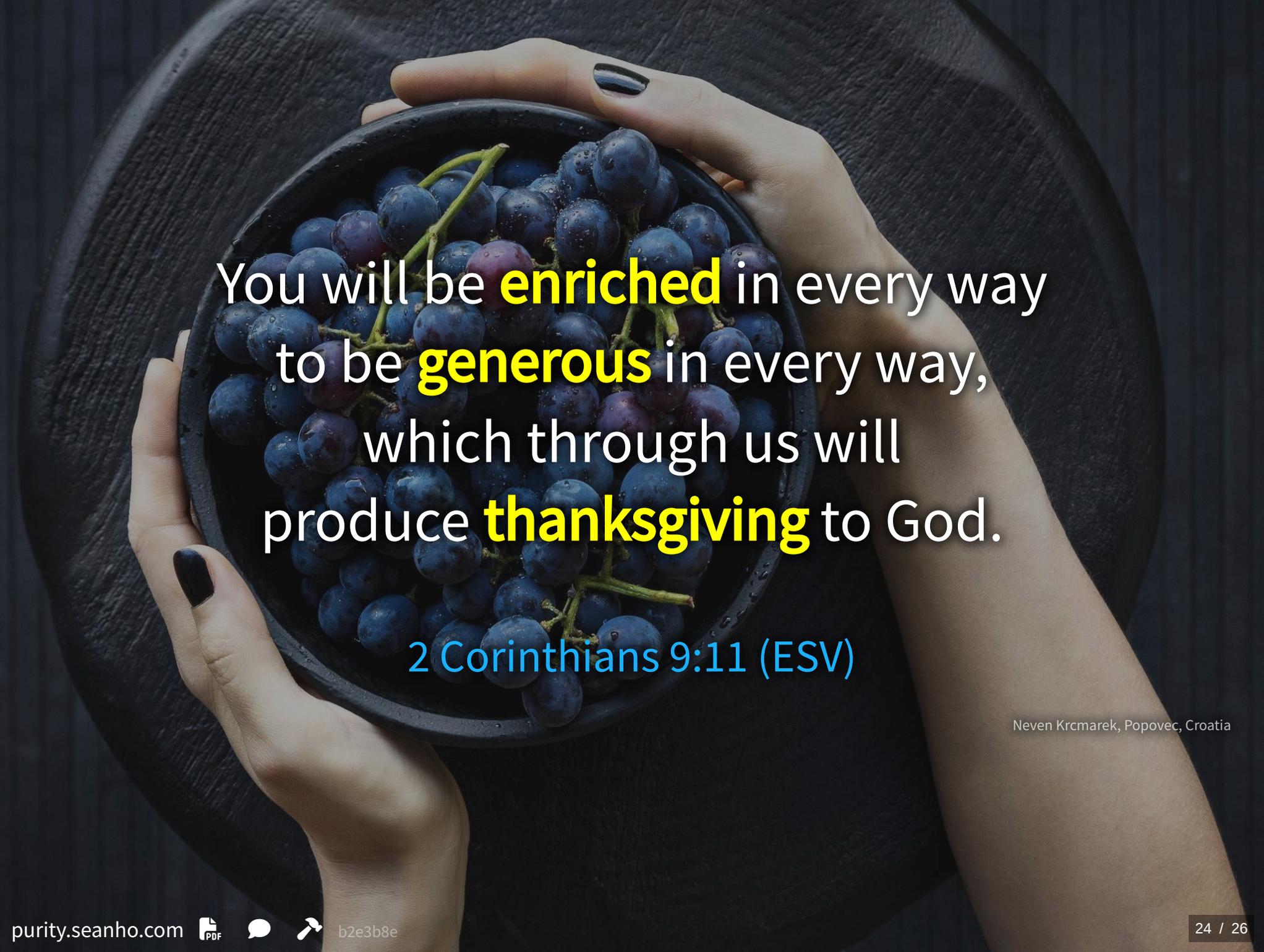
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so that you may  
**walk properly** before outsiders  
and be **dependent** on no one.

1 Thessalonians 4:12 (ESV)

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You will be **enriched** in every way  
to be **generous** in every way,  
which through us will  
produce **thanksgiving** to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

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How can I **abound** in love  
for fellow **believers**?

