



"A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD"

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Grown up in purity

But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you.

1 Thess. 2 v17

***May the Lord make your love increase
and overflow for each other and for
everyone else, just as ours does for you.***

1 Thess. 3 v12

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more.....

1 Thess. 4 v9-10

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live, in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

1 Thess. 4 v1-2

**It is God's will that
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sanctified.....**

1 Thess. 4 v3a

*I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **protect them** by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, **I protected them** and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. (John 17 v 11-12)*

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you **protect them** from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **Sanctify them** by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. **For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.**
(John 17 v 13-19)

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1 Thess. 4 v3a

set apart



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John 17:17



.....that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. (v3 -8)

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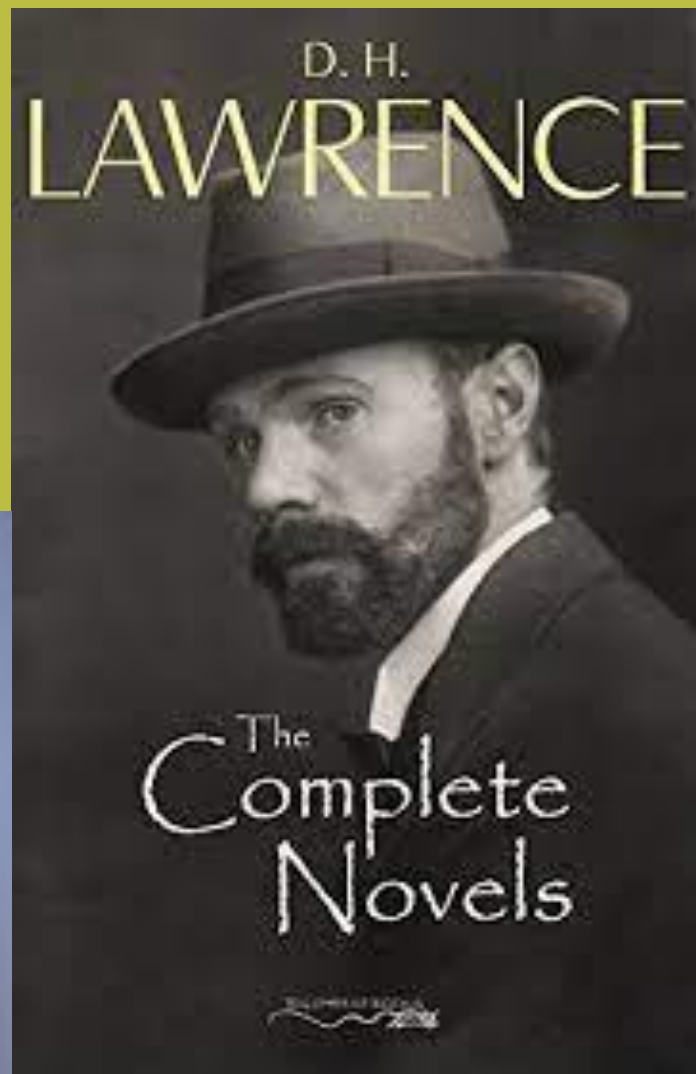
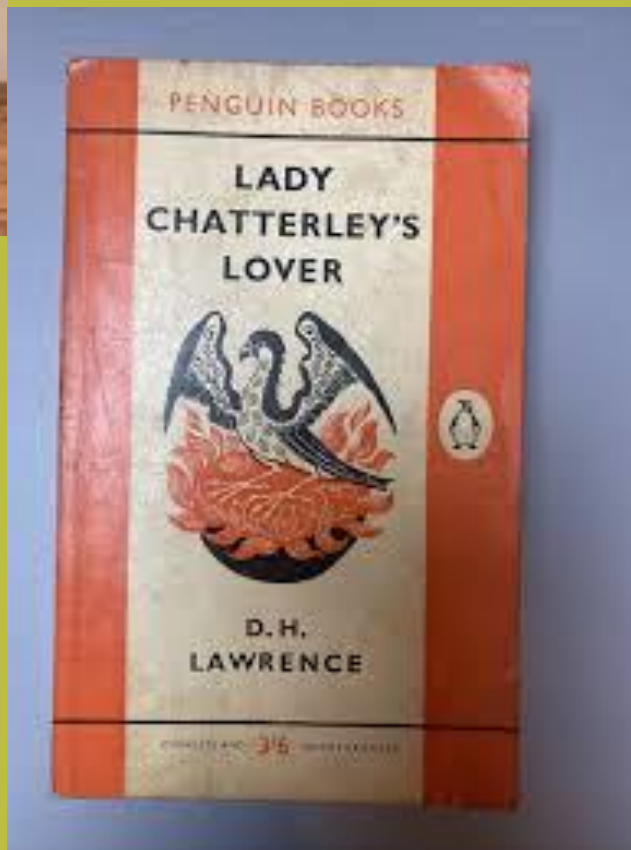
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Dear friends, you are like foreigners and strangers in this world. I beg you to avoid the evil things your bodies want to do that fight against your soul. People who do not believe are living all around you and might say that you are doing wrong. Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again. (1 Peter 2 v11-12)

.....so that your daily life might win the respect of outsiders (1 Thess. 4 v12)

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. (James 4 v4)



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Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, Lord," she answered.

"Then neither do I condemn you,"

Jesus declared. "Now go and sin no more."

(John 8 v10-11)



Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious
silver
Purify my heart

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will