How You Ought to Walk
1 Thess. 4:1-12

Introduction:
A. Christians need to know how to walk as Christians (v. 1).
   1. More to it than just obeying first principles.
   2. More to it than just belonging to the “right church”
   3. More to it than just attending services regularly.
B. Christians learn how to walk for from inspired men (Vs. 1,2)
C. Our text tells reminds us of three ways that Christians ought walk:

Discussion:
I. Christians Ought to Walk in Purity.
   A. Pure from the sins of “the Gentiles.” (Vs. 3-5, 7).
      1. “Gentiles” put their will and desires first (V. 5, 1 Pet. 4:2-4).
         (Must not blindly adopt styles, customs, and values)
      2. Christians put God’s will and desire first (V. 1).
   B. Possessing his “vessel” (body) in honor. (V. 4).
      1. An instrument for good, not evil. (Rom. 6:12,13).
      2. Use it and display it with purity.

II. Christians Ought to Walk in Fairness.
   A. Must not defraud or take advantage of others (v. 6)
      1. Context may point to adultery — “this matter” (NKJ)
      2. Principle still true of “any matter.”
         b. Not in social matters.
         c. Not in domestic matters.
         d. Not in church matters.
   B. Must show love rather than defraud. (Vs. 9-10).
      1. Brotherly love proven by obeying God. (1 Jno. 5:2).
      2. Brother love seeks best interest of brother -not mere sentimentalism.

III. Christians Ought to Walk in Honor.
   A. Not meddling nor free-loading (vs. 11; cf. 2 Thess. 3:8-11)
   B. But honorably toward non-Christians (vv. 11,12)

Conclusion:
1. Let walk properly before God and man.
2. Let each take first step by obeying gospel.