Purpose of Purity:

(Webster's)

- (1) Freedom from guilt or the defilement of sin; innocence; as purity of heart or life.
- (2) Chastity; freedom from contamination by illicit sexual connection.
- (3) Freedom from any sinister or improper views; as purity of motives or designs.

Mental:

(Lam 3:51) *Mine eye affecteth mine heart* What goes in the eyes & ears sinks down into our heart.

(Ezek 8:12) Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the **chambers of his imagery**? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

(Phil 4:8) "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Emotional: i.e. Lust, Passion, Thoughts, Proper Respect.

(Prov 23:26) My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

(Prov 23:27-28) For <u>a whore</u> is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

(Uses you for what they can get from you)

<u>Sexual Purity</u>: (1 Cor 13:4-5) <u>Charity suffereth</u> <u>long, and is kind</u>; (Lust is NOT Patient, Lust Wants it NOW!)

charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, **seeketh not her own**, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Physical:

(1 Cor 3:16-17) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

(1 Cor 7:1) "...It is good for a man not to touch a woman."

Spiritual: (Psa 19:8) "The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."

Preserves Our Fellowship with God: (Psa 24:3-5) "Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and

righteousness from the God of his salvation.

It's a Command: (Lev 20:7) "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God." (1 Pet 1:15) "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;"

Your body belongs to God: (1 Cor 6:19-20) "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Prepares us for service for God:

(2 Tim 2:21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a **VESSEL** unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Protects us Physically:

Diseases: (Gal 6:7) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the

flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."
(Num 32:23) "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."

<u>Protects us Mentally:</u> I Cor 1:15 Be not deceived: evil communication corrupts good manners.

You are influenced by what you see and hear:

What goes in your eyes and ears will come out your hands and feet.

Our Morals
Our Values

Protects us Emotionally:

Prevents Abnormal Behavior:

Avoids Selfishness Self Destructive Tendencies Prevents Anger

Prevents Feelings of Guilt or Embarrassment:

Miscarriages and Abortions cause extreme guilt.

Not being able to provide a Nuclear Family life.

Public Shame.

Protects our Self Esteem:

Feeling dirty or cheep.