

(Mat 5:8) *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

Moral Integrity! (Heb 10:22) *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

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 Purity:**

(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.”

What goes in the eyes & ears sinks down into our heart...

What's in your heart comes out your hands, feet & Mouth: (Matt 15:18-19)

Purity of Actions: (Ps 24:3-5)

-**Emotional Purity:** 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 a whore 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)

-**Sexual Purity:**

God created Sex, (Gen 1:28) “Way to go God!” - God is so Good, “ “ “ He's so good to me!

Who was sex created for? Married Couples- Adam didn't Date!

Go to sleep and let God bring you your mate.

Water is good, Creates power, Cleanse Atmosphere, but water out of control, kills and destroys.

Fire is good, but fire out of control, kills and destroys.

Illus: I recognize that you don't have a problem here, so just turn to your neighbor and let them know you are taking notes for them!

Lust and Bible Love are 2 Different Things

(1 Cor 13:4-5) *Charity suffereth long, and is kind; (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 Purity:

(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.*

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.”*

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

-Spiritual Purity: (Psa 19:8) *“The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”*

What a person believes does matter!

Purity 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;”*

Purity 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.*

Purity 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.”*

Purity Protects us Mentally: (I Cor 15:33) *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.

Influences Our Morals & Values

Purity Protects us Emotionally:

Purity Prevents Abnormal Behavior:

Avoids Selfishness
Self Destructive Tendencies
Prevents Anger

Purity Prevents Feelings of Guilt/Embarrassment

Miscarriages and Abortions cause extreme guilt.
Not being able to provide a Nuclear Family life.

Public Shame.

Purity Protects our Self Esteem:

Feeling dirty or cheep.

Today’s Christian Mentality is...

Illus: I Love To Sin, and God Loves To Forgive.

How to be Pure!

(1 Thes 4:3-7) Sanctification, Holiness

RUN: (2 Tim 2:22) *Illus:* Joseph - (Gen 39:6-7)

She had been working on him through temptations.

(Gen 39:7,10)

When the confrontation came he **RAN!** (Gen 39:12)

Don’t put allow you’re self to be alone with that person again. (Gen 39:11) He picked a time when she should have been gone, and the house servants should have been there.

(Prov 22:3) *A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.*

Illus: Little Johney opened the lid quietly to the cookie jar, and reached in, when mother heard the lid open, she called out “Johney are you in the cookie jar? Yes Ma’am, I am checking my resistance to temptation!”

(Prov 6:27-30) Don't toy with it to see how good your resistance is.
We know where our weaknesses are. Run to Jesus.

#1 **Accept Responsibility:** (1 Jn 1:8,10)

Addictive Lust – When Lust takes over a person, God fades and becomes unreal. We JUSTIFY our actions or PASS them off as Harmless, or WORSE we justify it as we deserve the attention!

(Gen 39:8-9) Recognize it as a Sin against God!

(Col 3:5) You Belong to God (1 Cor 6:19-20)

(James 1:14) Realize that you have been drawn away from God and your spouse and repent!

(Ja 1:15) Recognize you are 2 steps from a dead life
(Prov 5:8-11) This Lust will cost you ALL!

*Illus: Sin will take you farther than you want to go,
Sin will Leave you longer than you want to stay, and
Sin Will Cost you far more than you want to pay.*

(1 Jn 1:9) *CONFESS,*
(Prov 1:23) *REPENT*
(Prov 9:6) *FORSAKE IT!*

#2 **Read the Word** –

(Mark 4:19) Lust Chokes the Word
(Ps 119:9,11) Meditate/Memorize

(1 Cor 9:27) Get your body under control.
(Eph 4:22-24) Get active each day!
Put off and Put on!

#3 **Be Accountable!** (Prov 27:17) The devil likes it when we stay away from our Godly friends.
STAY SHARP!

Get an accountability partner! Ask each other real honest questions!

How is your time with God? Prayer/Read

How is your thought life? (Ezek 8:12)

Am I misusing my spouse's Trust?

Are you walking in obedience to God? Fab 5

Have you lied about any of the 1st 4 questions?

Your Spouse ought to be able to ask you any of these questions without fear of reprisal.

(1 Cor 7:4) Access to Cel Phone, email, social media

Your body belongs to your Spouse (future spouse)

(Prov 28:1) If you cannot answer these questions without getting embarrassed or angry, then there is a huge problem.

God's Landmarks Preserves Our Relationship with our Parents: (Prov 28:7)(Eph 6:1-2) Long Life!

Builds Trust: Illus: Trust Piggy Bank! (LK 16:10)

Purity transfers the bible truths from parent to child.

Helps the Child to make Dad's Convictions their own. (Josh 4:21-24; Ex 12:26-27; Ex 13:14-15)

The Tragedy of 2nd & 3rd Generation Christians.
The OT Kings of Judah: (2 Chron 25:2; Ps 44:1-4)

Because of What God had done in the days of old,
the Psalmist accepted God as His God.

Purity Propels Us: (2 Tim 2:21-22)