Growing in Character #7

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Purity/Holiness - among a stained and tainted world

Defiant sin, rebellion, self centeredness

Begin INSIDE us - be HOLY

Cut away from sin, separate from sin

Consecrate

1 Tim 4: 11-13

Purity/Holiness in many areas

- Spiritual - idolatry with our time and efforts
- Our thought life - mind
- Our ethics - values & actions
- Our recreational life - selfish, self-centered
- Financial management
- Relationships - sexuality

Ephesians 5: 1-5

Sin problem in my life - I cannot get rid of it myself, by my own power

1 Thes. 4 - be sanctified, holy and honorable; not in passionate lust like the heathen... live a holy life

We can strive to be HOLY

- Experience God's presence in your life
- Holy Spirit living inside me
- Spiritual power
- Victorious living - God's definition of VICTORY
- Divine protection

Sinfulness (impure evil wicked)

- Gives Satan a foothold
- Spirituality powerless
- Silence from God - sin blocking our communication with God
- Enslaved: fall into bondage - given authority to something not-Godly
- Selfishness - life all about me

Joseph - fled from sin "How then could I do something so wicked against God?"

Samson - Nazirite, set apart called and gifted by God, lusts after the enemy, sexual immorality, sexually active outside of marriage. Lust that is **out of control**.

Purity Points

1. Guard yourself. Be holy, separated from sin, be pure. What armour are you putting on? The Word? Prayer?
2. In what areas are you... vulnerable? Compromised? Lustful behaviour. Comparison to others? Idolatry to think about something instead of God.
3. **Forgiveness is given to all who ask! Ask, receive, then LIVE in forgiveness!** Forgive yourself.
4. Victory comes for those who walk in God's strength

Sin - rotten egg into many eggs

Purity - coloured water, overflowed by fresh water until clear again. Pour into me. Cleansed.