

**KEEPING MORAL PURITY IN THIS IMMORAL WORLD**  
**Sermon Series: Building Godly Values That Last**  
**Sermon Outline**  
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- + Leviticus 19:1, "You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy" (NLT).
  - The Hebrew word translated as "holy" is. [קָדוֹשׁ, qadosh]. It means "to be set apart, consecrated." "To be set apart" means you are different, special, unique, and called to a divine purpose."
- + 1 Peter 1:15-16, "But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup>For the Scriptures say, 'You must be holy because I am holy'" (NLT).
  - The Greek New Testament word translated as "holy" is [ἅγιος; hagios]. It means "to be in awe, to revere so that your life mirrors that which you revere."
- + 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 7-8, "God's will is for you to be set apart for Him in holiness and that you keep yourselves unpolluted from sexual defilement. <sup>4</sup>Yes, each of you must guard your sexual purity with holiness and dignity . . . <sup>7</sup>For God's call on our lives is not to a life of compromise and perversion but to a life surrounded in holiness. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, whoever rejects this instruction isn't rejecting human authority but God Himself, who gives us His precious gift—His Spirit of holiness" (TPT).
- + 1 Thessalonians 4:7, "For God has not called us to be dirty-minded and full of lust but to be holy and clean" (TLB).
- + Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (NLT).
  - To live in this polluted world, the answer is not \_\_\_\_\_ — "Let's go out and be like the world and adapt to every perversion that's out there." The answer is not \_\_\_\_\_, "Let's stay away from the world, dress up like Pilgrims or become nuns and live in a convent or monks and live in a monastery isolating ourselves." The answer is \_\_\_\_\_.

**How Do I Stay Pure In A Polluted World?**

1. **Make a \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - + Psalm 119:9, "How can a young person or anyone keep his or her way pure? By living according to Your Word" (PAR).
2. **Manage \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - + Proverbs 4:23, "Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life" (NCV).
  - + Proverbs 23:19, "Keep your mind on what is right?" (NLT).
    - What you \_\_\_\_\_ determines how you \_\_\_\_\_, and how you feel determines how you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + Proverbs 4:23, "Your thoughts control your life" (ERV).

**Steps To Immorality, Impurity and Sin**

- a. Step one: accepting \_\_\_\_\_.
    - + Genesis 3:1-5, "'Did God really tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?' <sup>2</sup>'We may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden,' the woman answered, <sup>3</sup>'except the tree in the middle of it. God told us not to eat the fruit of that tree or even touch it; if we do, we will die.' <sup>4</sup>The snake replied, 'That's not true; you will not die. <sup>5</sup>God said that because He knows that when you eat it, you will become a god like God' (TEV).
  - b. Step two: start toying with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Step three: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Step four: I \_\_\_\_\_.
    - + 2 Timothy 2:22, "Turn your back on lustful, sinful, immoral and impure thoughts and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love, what is moral, holy and pure that gives peace" (PAR).
      - If you want to break a bad habit or temptation, the key is not \_\_\_\_\_. The key is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Why? Whatever you resists, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Monitor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**
    - + Proverbs 15:14, "'The fool feeds on trash" (NLT).
    - + Psalm 119:37, "Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through Your Word" (NLT).
    - + Psalm 101:3a, "I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar" (NLT).

**4. Minimize \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Three Practical Ways To Minimize Temptation In Your life**

- a. Recognize \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + 1 Corinthians 10:12, "So be careful. If you are thinking, 'Oh, I would never behave like that' — let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin" (TLB).
  - + 1 Corinthians 10:12, "There are all these warning markers — ~DANGER!... we are just as capable of messing up as those in Scripture. Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence" (MES).
  - + Luke 6:49, Jesus said, "If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use My words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss" (MES).
  - + Jeremiah 17:9, "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?" (NLT).
  - + 1 Corinthians 10:12, "Let him who stands take heed, lest he fall" (NKJV).
- b. Choose \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + 1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be fooled. 'Bad companions ruin good character'" (GNT).
  - + 2 Timothy 3:5, "There are people who claim they are a Christian. They have the external appearance of being a good person, but they do not have godliness. Avoid at all cost such people. They will be your downfall" (PAR).
- c. Establish some \_\_\_\_\_ when around the opposite sex.
  - + Ephesians 5:3, "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality" (NIV).

**5. Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ by continuing to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- + Ecclesiastes 9:9, "Enjoy life with your wife whom you love" (NIV).
- + 1 Corinthians 7:3-5, "Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder. <sup>4</sup>The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to "stand up for your rights." Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. <sup>5</sup>Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting—but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it" (MES).

**6. Magnify \_\_\_\_\_.**

- + Proverbs 6:32, "He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself" (ESV).
- + Proverbs 6:26, "Immorality may cost you your life" (PAR).

**Three Reasons To Magnify the Blessings Of Being Holy**

- a. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read Jesus' words in John 14:15).
- b. I \_\_\_\_\_. >
- c. I \_\_\_\_\_ >

- + Hebrews 13:4b, "God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery" (NLT).

**A Pathway To Purity**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ > it is the Greek New Testament word [μετανοέω; metanoēō], which means "to change your mind." Read David's words in Psalm 51:1-10.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ > Read David's words in Psalm 32:11-15.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ > Read Romans 13:13-14.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ > 1 Corinthians 10:13, "Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so you will not give in to it" (TLB).