

Teen Topics

Sexual Purity (Part 4)

As we conclude our study on sexual purity, let's consider what we must do in light of what we have discussed so far. Sexual purity is a lifestyle, and because of that, we must take an honest look at what it means to each of us as individuals.

A New Beginning

Temptation is real, as are the consequences for sexual sin. When you look at your life, you may see failures in the area of purity. You may have even experienced consequences for sinful behavior. The good news is that when we recognize and confess these failures as sin before God, He offers forgiveness and cleansing ([I John 1:9](#)). In order to move forward in purity, we must first *put off* things of the past ([Col. 3:5-10](#)). Look at your life, is there business you need to do with God?

A Commitment to Purity

Christ is looking for followers who are “sold out” for Him! We cannot let sexual sin be a hindrance that gets in the way of what God desires to do in and through us! Consider what these verses say about living a life committed to purity:

- > [Heb. 12:1-2](#) – We must remove sin by focusing on Christ.
- > [James 4:7](#) – Submit to God and resist Satan = Satan flees.
- > [I Cor. 10:13](#) – God promises strength and a way of escape.

Notice from these verses that a commitment to purity is a decision, just as much as it is a call to action! The joy and blessings of purity come when we make changes in our lives that show a recognition that we are the Lord's and that we are serious about living for Him ([I Cor. 6:13, 18-21](#)).

As we wrap up our study on sexual purity, may we be driven to have lives described by [II Timothy 2:22](#) - “So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart!”