

MAINTAINING MORAL PURITY

Building My Life On Values That Last - Part 8

1 Thessalonians 4:3,7 (LB) "God wants you to be pure and to keep clear of all sexual sin... For God has not called us to be dirty-minded and full of lust, but to be holy and clean."

HOW TO STAY PURE IN A POLLUTED WORLD

1. MAKE _____

Proverbs 119:9 (NIV) "How can [anyone] keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word."

2. MANAGE _____

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV) "Be careful how you think, your life is shaped by your thoughts."

Proverbs 23:19 (NCV) "Keep your mind on what is right."

2 Timothy 2:22 (Ph) "Turn your back on lustful thoughts and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love and peace."

3. MONITOR _____

Proverbs 15:14 (LB) "The fool feeds on trash."

Psalms 119:37 (GN) "Keep me from paying attention to what is worthless."

Psalms 101:3 (NLT) "I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar."

4. MINIMIZE _____

1 Corinthians 10:12 (LB) "Be careful. If you're thinking, 'Oh, I'd never behave like that' -- let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin."

1 Corinthians 15:33 (GN) "Bad companions ruin good character."

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV) "But among you there must not even be a hint of sexual immorality..."

5. MAINTAIN _____

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (NIV) "Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love."

1 Corinthians 7:3,5 (NLT/Ph) "A husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband... Do not cheat each other of normal sexual relations... or you'll expose yourselves to the obvious temptation of Satan."

6. MAGNIFY _____

Proverbs 6:32 (GN) "Anyone who commits adultery doesn't have any sense. He is just destroying himself."

Proverbs 6:26 (NCV) "[Immorality] may cost you your life."

Hebrews 13:4a (NIV) "God will judge the sexually immoral."

THE PATH BACK TO PURITY

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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 that you will not give in to it."