

## MESSAGE 8: MAINTAINING MORAL PURITY

### Parts 1-3

*"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." 1 Thess. 4:3,7 (LB)*

### HOW TO STAY PURE IN A POLLUTED WORLD

#### 1. MAKE \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### 2. MANAGE \_\_\_\_\_

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

*"Keep your mind on what is right." Pr. 23:19 (N)*

How Immorality Happens  
*thoughts... emotions... actions*

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| 1st | Accepting sinful thoughts in my mind |
| 2nd | Emotional, non-physical involvement  |
| 3rd | Physical involvement                 |
| 4th | Rationalizing my actions             |

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

#### 3. MONITOR \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

#### 4. MINIMIZE \_\_\_\_\_

*"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 Cor. 10:12 (LB)*

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

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

**5. MAINTAIN** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*"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." 1 Cor. 7:3,5 (NLT/Ph)*

**6. MAGNIFY** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

THE PATH BACK TO PURITY

1. REPENT Ps. 51:1-10
2. RECEIVE FORGIVENESS Ps. 32:1-5
3. REFOCUS & REPLACE Rom. 13:13-14
4. REQUEST HELP DAILY 1 Cor. 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."*