

MAINTAINING MORAL PURITY

Building My Life On Values That Last – Message 8

“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

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.”

Ecd. 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.”