

“Hand-Me-Down Purity”

Hand-Me-Down Devotion - Part 4

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I Thessalonians 4:3-7 - “It is God’s will that you should be SANCTIFIED that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God. . . ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.”

I Timothy 4:12 (Emphasis added) – “Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in **LOVE**, in faith and in purity.”

KEYS TO REMAINING PURE IN A POLLUTED WORLD

1. Make a commitment to _____ .

Psalm 119:9 - “How can anyone keep his way pure? By living according to your Word

A. Sex is far more than a _____ act.

B. Sex is exclusively reserved for _____ who are committed to each other in a marriage.

Genesis 2:24 – “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

2. Manage my _____ .

Proverbs 4:23 (CEV) – “Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life.”

James 1:13-15 – “When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil **desire** and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

3. Minimize the _____ for temptation.

I Corinthians 10:12 - “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!”

4. Maintain my _____ .

Ecclesiastes 9:9 - “Enjoy life with your wife whom you love.”

5. Magnify the _____ of sin.

Proverbs 6:32 - “But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself.”