

Godly Man Episode 6- Purity

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. '

Thessalonians 4:3-7'It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. '

Ice Breaker Question

If you could travel through time, past or future, where would you go and why?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does purity look like to you?**
- 2. Why is it so important for Godly men remain pure of heart, mind and body?**
- 3. Why do you think that men have a hard time remaining sexually pure?**
- 4. What is the reason why men run to pornography? What is the Devils end game with this type of lure?**
- 5. The enemy likes to take a position in the battlefield of our mind, why how do we protect our thoughts from being corrupted from impurity?**
- 6. The video mentioned some purity killers such as pride, lust, selfishness, greed. Why do some of these sinful bondages kill purity and can you think of any other purity killers not mentioned?**
- 7. When talking about heart matters, why is it important to be pure of heart? (Our intentions, values, convictions)**

Something to chew on

Looking from the outside, we are sinful, retched people. Born into sin, destined to fail and self destruct. What we deserve according to the Adam's fall is death and hell, but God wanted something different for us. He saw a people worth saving. Jesus loves us so much that despite our sinful nature, despite us deserving death, he decided to take on all of our sin, so that through the shedding of his blood, we are made clean, pure, and holy.

In our natural state we are not pure because we are born into sin. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and savior, not only is our spirit reconnected to the father, Jesus also sanctifies us and makes us pure. That means our purity has been bought with a price. We are, no matter how filthy and retched our sin was or is, washed clean. Our sins are washed clean, our past iniquities are washed clean, our sinful nature is washed clean and we become white as snow. We become pure.

Since Jesus paid the price to wash us clean and make us pure, we need to honor his sacrifice by remaining pure. Jesus purified us for this reason: We (**the church**) are his bride. A day will come when he takes his bride home. Through salvation he sees us as his spotless bride, however when we live in sin, maintain an impure life, and practice lawlessness it is as if we roll around in the mud all over again. For this reason, Jesus says, '**“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”** Matthew 7:21-23

The only way to the father is through the son, Jesus Christ. When we come into **relationship** with Jesus he makes us pure, as stated before. When we live a lifestyle that goes against Gods word after salvation, we wrap ourselves in sin and filth all over again. Jesus knows us as pure through his sacrifice, if the groom (**Christ**) shows up for his bride (**the church**), and they look different from the last time he saw her face to face, he will say depart from me. You are not the bride I know. My bride is clean, pure and holy. For this reason, remaining pure is crucial.

Thank God that he is merciful and has grace and patience with us. We are not perfect and from time to time we stumble and lose our way. That is why we need a repentant heart, so when we do stumble and we realize that we hurt the heart of God, we quickly ask for forgiveness and make every effort not to fall into the same sins again. However, if you are playing Russian roulette with your salvation by living in habitual sin and practicing impurity, he may not recognize you when he comes back for his spotless bride. This is truly a matter of life and death, choose wisely.
