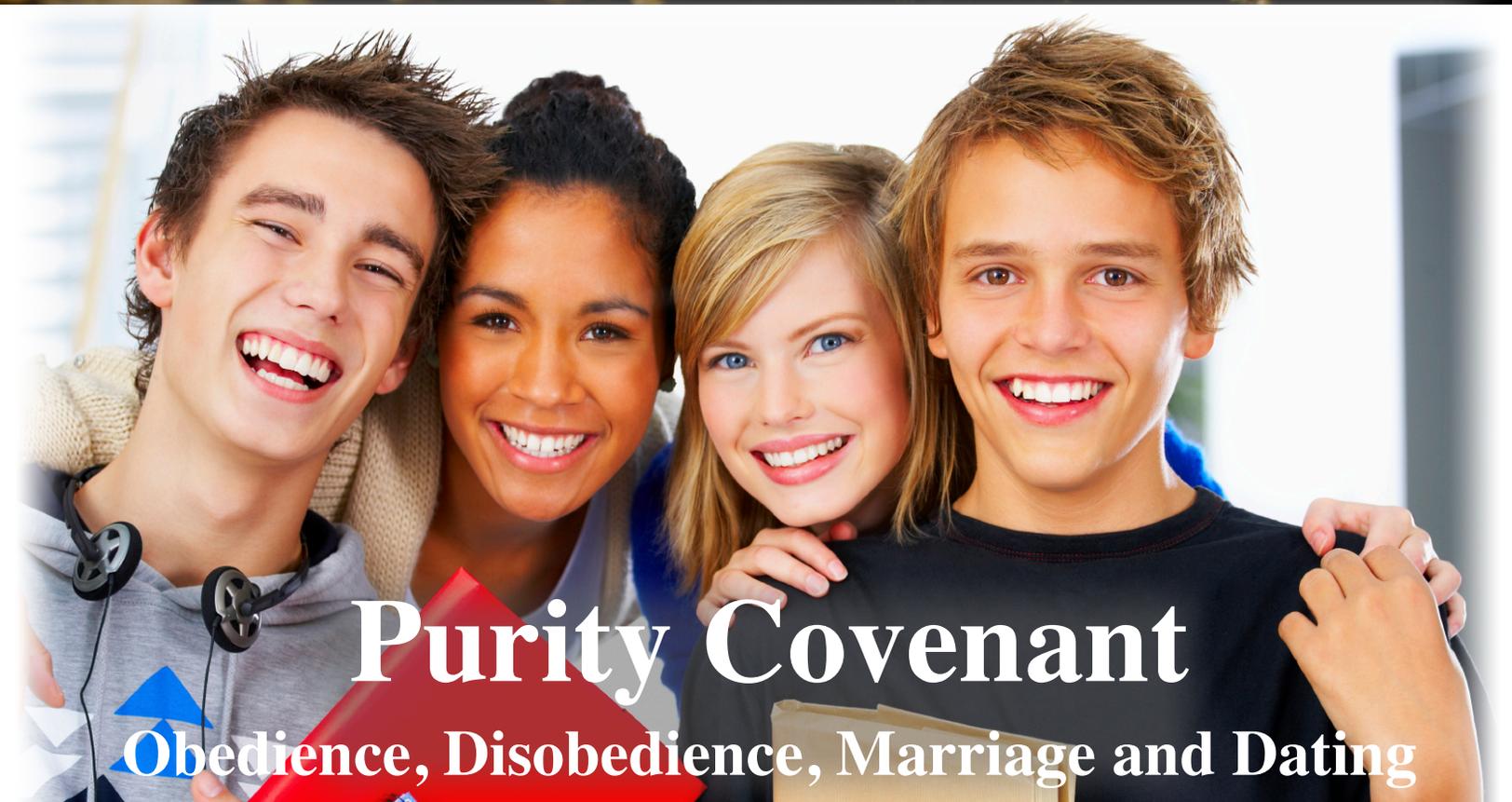




# MILESTONES

FOR CHRISTIAN CHAMPIONS



## Purity Covenant

Obedience, Disobedience, Marriage and Dating

## Some Promises for Obeying Parents

God commands you to honor, obey, and respect your parents. God has benefits prepared for you for obeying Him in this area.

Ephesians 6:3 promises you a long life that goes well for you.

Proverbs 4:1-13 promises you wisdom.

Colossians 3:20 promises that you will please God.

Hebrews 11:6 promises that you will please God as you obey in faith, expecting His reward.

Proverbs 6:20-22 promises that God will lead and direct you supernaturally.

Isaiah 1:19 promises you will eat the best of the land.

In Proverbs 13:22, it is God's plan for blessing to come through your parents. Even if your parents don't do the Word, as you press into God and do the Word yourself, God will bring blessing into your life.



## The Results of Disobedience

If you disobey, you are headed for destruction.

Colossians 3:25 says that you are judged.

Isaiah 1:20 says you will be devoured by the sword.

Exodus 21:15 shows that if you strike back, God's law says you should be killed.

In Exodus 20:5 & 6, the law passes down sin to the third and fourth generation. Think of what would happen to you when you had children if you disobey!



## Marriage

God has made possible many types of relationships for His people. One of the greatest relationships we can enter is the marriage relationship.

Marriage was God's idea.

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Genesis 2:18-25).



## About Dating Relationships



Dating relationships are often based on fleshly or worldly desires rather than upon the leading of the Holy Spirit. Dating is selfish – both parties are in it for what they can get out of it – either physically or emotionally.

There are no defined roles or responsibilities in a

dating relationship (unlike marriage) and so both parties can easily end up being in the relationship to take from one another, rather than to give to each other. If you are dating someone during a time in your life when you are not yet prepared to marry them, the relationship is guaranteed to end.

When it does, one or both of the people involved will end up with a broken heart, possibly wounded with rejection, emotional scars, and distrust.



If the relationship becomes physical as well as emotional, there may be sexual diseases or even an unwanted pregnancy to deal with.

The devil loves to destroy lives, especially those of God's children, anyway he can. If we truly want God's best, we must do things God's way! As an unmarried believer, your thoughts and devotions are meant to be centered on God and pleasing Him.

But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: but he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).



Before you marry, God expects you to have undistracted devotion to Him and to not entangle yourself in the affairs of everyday life.

Instead of spending precious time dating other people, you must choose to do the Word of the Lord with all your heart. According to 2 Timothy 2:4, you are involved in the battle of all time and you cannot afford to divert your energy, time, and attention on fruitless things. At this stage in your life, dating (or becoming emotionally or physically involved at any level with members of the opposite sex) is fruitless because you are not prepared to get married.

You set up yourself (or the person you supposedly care about) for emotional heartbreak when the relationship ends.

Dating isn't fun and harmless if the end result is hurt and heartbreak.

You are not prepared to handle the results of becoming physically involved (guilt, shame, unwanted pregnancy, disease).

Fruit is the product of one's existence. If a relationship is of God, it will produce the fruit of the Spirit. If it is not, it will produce the works of the flesh, including immorality and jealousy.

The devil wants to keep us distracted with the things of this world so we will be ineffective for the kingdom of God. He does all he can to ruin our lives while we are young so that we don't become what God desires.



