



MILESTONES

FOR CHRISTIAN CHAMPIONS



Purity Covenant

Holiness, protection, Guardrails and purity

Called to Holiness

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8).

God called us to be holy. We must know how to possess our own vessel (our body) and abstain from sexual immorality. If we reject God's teaching on this subject, we actually reject God!



Protection from Immorality

God gave us instructions to help protect us from immorality.

According to Proverbs 4:20-27, we must keep our heart pure and be diligent about it – our entire life flows out of the condition of our heart.

We protect our heart by protecting what we see. Proverbs 4:25 says that we look straight ahead.

Pornography is meant to give you a sexually immoral picture in your mind that will stay with you for years. Pornography is like a drug, and you can become “hooked” the first time. The devil wants to plant those images there so he can bring them to your mind over and over. The good news is – he can't make you remember what you have never seen!

The same is true for sexually explicit movies



or television programs. Fashion magazines, commercials, and other types of advertisements can be sexually explicit and even offensive at times. Satan comes on strong in this area because he wants to destroy the standards of purity God set up in His Word. Satan knows if he can get you to see something immoral, he can probably get you to think about it, and if he can get you to think about it, eventually you will do it!

Putting up a Guard

We must guard what we think about and say.

According to Proverbs 4:24, if we allow impure thoughts to infiltrate our minds, they will eventually grasp our heart's desire.

Discussions about who is cute, who likes whom, etc., are NOT harmless. You will begin to dwell on those things and actually be lured away from thinking on what is pure.

We must be careful about where we go and what we do.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil (Proverbs 4:26 & 27).

It's easy to refuse to compromise in this area if we don't put ourselves in compromising situations. For example, being alone with members of the opposite sex, going to parties we shouldn't attend, etc.

In most situations, where we go determines what we do!

As you fix your eyes on Jesus, you will avoid impure thoughts and actions.

Philippians 4:8 says to think about things that are lovely, pure, and of a good report.

As you pour yourself into your relationship with God, He will meet all of your needs. You will experience the excitement of being a believer!



God does not want to deprive you of anything. This is a time when He allows you to completely focus on Him and develop the most wonderful relationship you will ever have.

As believers in Jesus, we are instructed to flee (run from) all forms of sexual immorality.

We must realize that our standard comes from God and not from the world around us.

The world's standard is always changing.

The foundation for the world's standards is unstable. It is based on subjective things like people's opinions and "what feels good."

What the world believes is the right thing to do in the area of sexuality is always changing (actually, it is always getting worse). Individuals base their beliefs on emotions and feelings. The world has an "if it feels good, do it" mentality. Satan desires to pervert sex and take away the intimacy it was designed to bring between a husband and a wife. He wants to cheapen what God designed to be precious.

The devil influences society in a very strong way because he wants to destroy any form of sexual purity. In order to "fight the good fight of faith" in this area, we must know what we are up against.

Remaining Pure

Here are some practical tips for remaining pure.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 says we are not of the world, and commands us to separate ourselves from the world's way of doing things.

The world's way of dating is NOT what God intended. If we want God's best for our lives, we must do things God's way.

Since we belong to God, we are special, different, and chosen by God. He has a unique plan for each of us. As we remember these things, it helps us to walk contrary to the world's system.

According to Matthew 5:10, you can expect people to question you and make fun of you, AND you can be happy about it!

When you stand up for God by remaining pure and not dating around, others will notice. You may feel self-conscious at first and they may not speak well of your decision, but inwardly, they will respect you for the strength of character you demonstrate.

Purity is living in holiness.
Jehovah Makkedesh - the Lord who sanctifies you. No one is born pure we need the blood of Jesus to sanctify us. 1 Peter 1:6 Without holiness no one will see the Lord, you will NEVER know the Lord without purity. Confess and forsake your sin and have a great relationship with God.

The more you love God the greater your capacity to love others.



