

## Biblical Purity

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (I John 3.3)

We live in a society and world that is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ with the impure. We are bombarded at every turn with the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in the world (I John 2.16). This assault is presented in every form: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. A child of God is \_\_\_\_\_ to a life of purity (I John 3.3). Therefore, they must combat not only the affairs of this life but also the \_\_\_\_\_ of their own flesh.

**What is Biblical Purity?** - The “pure” in Scripture deals with being “\_\_\_\_\_, innocent, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.” The pursuit of purity is a Biblical \_\_\_\_\_:

Matt. 5.8— Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in heart: for they shall see God.

II Cor. 11.2— ... that I may present you as a \_\_\_\_\_ virgin to Christ.

Phil. 4.8— ... whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_ ... think on these things.

I Tim. 5.22— ... keep thyself \_\_\_\_\_.

II Tim. 2.22— Flee also youthful lusts: ... follow ... with them that call on the Lord out of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

James 4.8— ... \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts, ye double minded.

### How purity is pursued is an important consideration?

*“The body isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ for any spiritual battle, must less the battle for sexual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Matt. 26.41— ...the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom. 7.21-24\*

**We must equip our minds with God’s standards of sexual \_\_\_\_\_, and daily seek to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit of our mind (Eph. 4.22, Rom. 12.1-2).**

Matt. 5:28 - 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Mark 7:21-23 - 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Acts 15:29 - 29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Rom. 13:12-13 - 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

1 Cor. 5:11 - 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Cor. 6:13 - 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body [is] not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

2 Cor. 12:21— 21 [And] lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and [that] I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

Gal. 5:16, 19 - 16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ... 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Eph. 5:3-4 - 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Col. 3:5-6—5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

1 Thess. 4:3-5, 7 - 3 For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: ... 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Heb 13:4—4 Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.