

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were you taught growing up about avoiding sexual sin? What do you wish you had been taught?
2. What are some avoidable situations where you can be sexually tempted? How can you prevent them?
3. What kinds of 'pure' things can you dwell on that will be most effective at countering sexual temptation?
4. Do you have at least one trusted brother at church who can help you when you struggle? If so, how does he help? If not, what do you need to do to find one?
5. Where is God calling you to 'beef up your defenses' to protect against sexual sin?

Blanks: Flee, Pure, Alone, Pursue, Include, honest, action



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Lesson: Proactive Purity

Passage: various

- _____ from Temptation (Matt. 5:27-30)

- This must be balanced with the need to be active servants of the body of Christ.
 - It doesn't mean 'never look at a woman,' but it does mean that we shouldn't put ourselves in situations where we know we'll be tempted.
 - We don't *necessarily* cut off relationships, but we should be very careful to manage them in a way that doesn't create temptation.
- The 'cutting off' principle applies to *any* part of life that can cause us to be tempted.
- We need to *actively* plan for how we will not end up in a compromising scenario.

• Dwell on What Is _____ (Phil. 4:8)

- This is an example of the put off/put on' principle.
- How are we doing in our spiritual disciplines?
- "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" (Jas. 4:7b-8a) are back-to-back for a reason.
- If we want to prevent sexual sin from getting a foothold in our lives, we need to dwell on what is pure.
 - Focusing on Who God is, what He commands, and what His design for our lives is will keep us too preoccupied with righteousness for sin to take over.
 - Satan's primary strategy isn't to destroy Christians (because he can't); it's to distract us.

• Don't Live the Christian Life _____ (Heb. 10:24-25; Eccl. 4:9-12)

- Church
 - The reason we 'assemble' is to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.
 - God calls together so can *actively* point each other toward what is good, leaving little room for sin.
 - There is 'positive peer pressure' from being in a group of believers.

○ Trusted brother

- There should be (at least) one person in your church you know well enough to have honest conversations and even call each other out when needed.
- The faithful companion helps to:
 1. Get a better return on efforts
 2. Lift up the one who has fallen
 3. Provide what one lacks
 4. Resist what threatens to overpower him

○ Wife (if applicable)

- Don't assume getting married reduces sinful temptation!
- God gives us wives as help-mates who know us best and are uniquely suited to help us prevent temptation.
- Some practical ways our wives can help us with temptation include:

1. _____ your wife

2. _____ your wife

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. Be _____ with yourself and take _____!