

SEXUAL PURITY (Part2)

LOF WEEK7

- Continuing from what we have addressed & learnt last week on **SEXUAL PURITY**.
- It's so important that we deepen our understanding of the Truth, to empower us to uproot some strongholds in this area.
- When we don't understand God has forgiven us of our past we live in bondage today.
- When we don't understand God can set us free we will continue to be chained in it.

WE CANNOT CONQUER WHAT WE ARE NOT WILLING TO CONFRONT
DEAL WITH IT WITH GOD'S STRENGTH AND WISDOM!

IMPURITY BEGINS WITH THE EYE

Impurity doesn't begin in the heart. It begins in the eye!!

David saw Bathsheba and she was bathing.

- How long did he look???
- He could have gone back in and begin to pray
- But he'd probably gone back in and got his binoculars!
- Adultery for David began with the eye
- He saw something that he shouldn't look at, and he kept looking.

Discipline yourself: **DON'T LOOK – LOOK AWAY**

- Because I'm capturing a memory, and I'm comparing
- God never intended me to compare my wife with any other woman.
- So just don't look!
- Train yourself to look away.

"I'll look.... but I won't touch" --- that's the lie of the enemy!

Window shopping doesn't work in this area.

Psalm 101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.

What have you been watching?

Proverbs 27:20 Hell and Destruction are never full, so the **eyes** of man are never satisfied.

Lust begins with a look.

Matthew 5:28-29 “But I say to you that whoever **looks** a woman to **lust** for her has already committed **adultery** with her in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out....”

Look at the progression: LOOKS --> LUST --> ADULTERY

- LUST PRECEEDS ADULTERY
- LOOKING PRECEEDS LUST.

ONE OF THE GREATEST KEYS TO FREEDOM:

IF YOU’D STOP LOOKING, YOU CAN CONTROL LUST.

YOU CAN GET FREE FROM LUST.

IMPURITY WILL AFFECT YOUR FAMILY.

The lie: You can have private impurity and it will not affect their family.

- “I have bondage in lust / pornography... but i never commit adultery”
- “If its private no one knows it, I can keep it under control.... it will not affect my children.”

TRANSGRESSION VS INEQUITY.

TRANSGRESSION: TRANSGRESS OR STEP OVER THE LINE

- TRESPASS MEANS YOU CROSS OVER THE PROPERTY LINE OF SOMEONE YOU’RE NOT SUPPOSED TO -- ADULTERY

LUST IS INEQUITY, IN THE HEART.

- **INEQUITY IS THE INWARD MOTIVATION, TRANSGRESSION IS THE OUTWARD MOVEMENT.**

LUST IS INEQUITY, ADULTERY IS TRANSGRESSION.

- They’re both SIN.
- The inequities of the fathers are passed on to the children.
- If you don’t deal with it....your children will be affected.

ISAIAH 53:5 – HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES.

This is not just about you and me. This is about our family, our children, our next generation.

IMPURITY WILL AFFECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

We have Deception in our life.

- In order to have any type of **SEXUAL IMPURITY** in your life, you'd have to open the door to host **OTHER SINS** as well: **LIE, DECEPTION, MANIPULATION, CONTROL, FEAR, DOUBT** (that god can meet your needs), **UNBELIEF** (about what the bible says)
- You open yourself up to a family of spirits.

Every sexually immoral person is a liar.

- What's the first thing that David did when he was in adultery?
- He **lied** – then he **murdered**.

In order to be sexually impure, you have to **sneak around** to do it (teenagers time!)

- You develop an **appetite that God never intended you to develop**.
- Sneaking around becomes the fun habit.
- It's a dangerous appetite (adrenalin rush) that God never intended you to associate with / can never be satisfied.

"We really love each other. We're gonna get married. We're gonna be faithful to each other. What difference is the piece of paper gonna make?"

- Piece of paper makes no difference at all.
- What makes a difference is **THE BLESSING OF GOD**.

WHEN WE GET OUT OF GOD'S ORDER – THE BLESSING OF GOD CANNOT COME IN.

- Men will begin flirting with women in the office – loves sneaking around, an appetite of sneaking hugs kisses feeling.
- Trying to satisfy an appetite god never intended you to have.
- Multiple marriages cannot help satisfy the unhealthy appetite.

YOU LEARN TO HAVE A 'COVERED' RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

- Stiff arm the Holy Spirit – to not listen to it.

- But come to church and ask / expect god to bless you

IT TAKES **HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY** TO HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

IMPURITY WILL AFFECT YOUR FUTURE

Joseph – the enemy lies: **“NOBODY’S EVER GONNA KNOW....”**

- He leaves the house, she grabs his coat / garment
- She then tolds Potifhar he did it....and he got thrown into the prison.

The devil would say... **“NOW LOOK HOW IT WORKED OUT FOR HIM”**

- He became the **ruler of the prison**.....interpreted the dream of the chef and butler, and got called by Pharaoh.
- 1 in 5million chance for a slave to meet Pharaoh.
- In prison because he did the right thing.....**God blessed him** until he became the 2nd most powerful and wealthiest man in the world.
- **Because he did the right thing**
- He would never be who he was and did what he did, and had the power, wealth, restoration with his family.....if he had fallen.
- It would have completely changed his **FUTURE**

Don't stop at the lie of : **“IF YOU’VE FALLEN.... YOU COULD NOT DO ANYTHING FOR GOD”**

GOD CAN RESTORE YOU THROUGH **TRUE REPENTANCE.**

GOD FORGIVES and FORGETS OUR PAST when we REPENT.

He doesn't even remember it. He will be silent and make no mention.

Psalm 103:12 (NIV) As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Zephaniah 3:17 (AMP) The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Saviour [Who saves]! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest [in silent satisfaction] and in His love He will be silent and make no mention [of past sins, or even recall them]; He will exalt over you with singing.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

BUT, IF YOU CONTINUE.....**IT WILL AFFECT YOUR FUTURE**

Go....and sin no more! (Jesus said to the woman who was caught in adultery)

PROVERBS 7:23 – (HOW IMMORALITY DECEIVES US).
HE DID NOT KNOW IT WOULD COST HIS LIFE.

IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL DIE – **IT WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE**

- YOUR FAMILY, YOUR INFLUENCE IN THE KINGDOM, WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO THROUGH YOU.

DON'T LOOK --HUMILITY TO REPENT -- ACCOUNTABILITY

THE PLAN OF THE ENEMY: "SHE TALKED TO HIM DAY BY DAY, EVERYDAY....."
"DAY BY DAY."

THIS IS WHAT JOSEPH WAS DOING:

- SHE WAS TALKING TO HIM, HE WAS TALKING TO GOD.
- WHEN THE CHANCE CAME TO FALL, HE STOOD.
- YOU GOTTA GET INTO ACCOUNTABILITY, HONESTY, HUMBLE YOURSELVES.

JAMES 1:14-16

BUT EACH ONE IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY BY HIS OWN DESIRES AND ENTICED.

THEN, WHEN THE DESIRE HAS CONCEIVED, IT GIVES BIRTH TO SIN; AND SIN, WHEN IT IS FULL-GROWN, BRINGS FORTH DEATH.

DO NOT BE DECEIVED, MY BELOVED BRETHEN.

DESIRES = THE GREEK WORD OF LUST

LUST WILL TURN TO SIN, AND SIN LEADS TO DEATH.

RUN FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY.

BEGIN YOUR RUN RIGHT NOW!

GOD HAS THE POWER TO SET US FREE!

WHEN WE RESPOND TO HIS GRACE, HIS GRACE THEN RESPONDS TO US
HIS GRACE EMPOWERS US.

RUN FROM IT..... AND RUN TO GOD!!

AND GOD WILL SET YOU FREE!

----- SMALL GROUP TALKING POINT -----

GIRLS (SINGLE / UNMARRIED)

- **YOUNG GIRLS ARE PRECIOUS TO OUR FATHER**
- YOUR VIRGINITY IS A GIFT. You can only give it once in the covenant of marriage.
- YOUR SEXUALITY IS A GIFT. This is a responsibility given to you by God.
- You need to HONOUR it, ESTEEM it, and TREAT IT AS YOUR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION.
- If a young man tries to place pressure on you to do anything that compromises your integrity, remember **YOU ARE A DAUGHTER OF GOD FIRST** and YOU HAVE COMMITTED YOUR LIFE TO GOD AND SAY **NO**.
- **DO NOT BE UNEQUALLY YOKED WITH ANYONE.**

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Living with the opposite sex under any circumstances is NOT pleasing to God

- Do not be deceived into living in someone else's lie and deception either.
- Soul ties form towards other people to fulfil the fleshly desire to sin

- This is why it's important to be mindful where you take your spirit, soul, and body.
- Your spirit, soul, and body has no business in secluded, isolated area where there is not protection and safety.

FOCUS ON PLEASING AND SERVING GOD

- It is important who your associates are.
1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- Remember, you attract what you are not free from so "flee all immorality!"
- Let others observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your reverence.
- This means God wants us to be examples of Christ rather than living by the world standards. Reading your bible, praying, and doing regular devotions are helpful ways to know God's expectations and live a life focused on God.
- Paul would say to Timothy:

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

WHY PURITY IS IMPORTANT

- Purity not only keeps you from walking down a variety of wrong paths, but it helps you gain spiritual discipline.
- In today's world, impurity is only a few seconds away.
- Instilling purity is invaluable to progress in your spiritual development.
- Purity deals with **spiritual growth** and **sanctification** (set apart for God's future plan and calling for you).

BOYS (SINGLE / UNMARRIED)

- **Purity**
- It is good for a young man to stay pure

1 Corinthians 7:1-2 (NKJV) Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: it is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless,

because of immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

- Meaning: if you're not married, you shouldn't have any sexual relations with anyone, or contact of any sort or kind, ever, no matter what, the end, period.
- But nevertheless..... since there is so much immorality – each man should have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.
- **What does God say?**
- Here's what God does simultaneously: [GOD DOESN'T CONDEMN SEX.](#)
- [He condemns sex outside of marriage](#), like fornication, which is sex before marriage. Jesus is not against sex. [HE IS FOR MARRIAGE.](#)
- You shouldn't be having any sex, but since many of you want to have sex, you should get married.
Not just run off and get married, but you should work toward marriage.
You should aspire to marriage.
You should PREPARE YOURSELF FOR MARRIAGE.
- You should pursue a Godly appropriate marriage, and you should be married. This is the answer to the biological question: *"I have desires – what should I do?"* Get a job!! Get busy for God! Get some verses memorized. Walk with Jesus. Meet a woman who loves the Lord. Go through premarital counselling. Get married. Go home. Enjoy each other.
- Keep the marriage bed pure. If you have desires, get married – that is what He is saying.
- You want to have that desire met? Do not be a short – cutting man looking for sex. You are not looking for sex, you are looking for marriage.
- Sex is a great benefit in marriage, but if all you are looking for is sex, you will avoid marriage, and sex only works in marriage.

SEX IS LIKE FIRE. IT IS GREAT IN THE FIREPLACE, BUT IF YOU TAKE IT OUT – TROUBLE!

- Right? Sex is great in God-designed context of Marriage.
- You take it out of marriage – trouble!
- **Keeping pure**

- Job says he made a covenant with his eyes – a promise not to look at something. It is clear Job was speaking about his personal purity. In defending his conduct Job says he worked diligently not to look at young women in impure ways.
- **Job 31:4 “Doesn’t He see everything I do and every step I take?”** -- Job offered the reason he would not look at women in sinful ways: Job understood God sees everything we do. There is no way to hide anything from God, including our sin. If we are looking at things we should not look at, God knows. Job sought to live his life accordingly.
- The principle of making a covenant with our eyes is a good one for us in this day. We are to live knowing God sees everything we do. This includes our thoughts and actions, from entertaining ungodly thoughts, to looking at impure things. God sees everything we do should serve to purify us. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and He is the one to whom we are accountable. (Hebrews 4:13)
- James 1:27 says religion God accepts as “pure and faultless” includes “keeping oneself from being polluted by the world.” Part of being “unpolluted” in this world would have to involve maintaining a pure thought life.
- Sexual purity is an important aspect of the Christian life: **“Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourself to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.” (Romans 6:13.)** “Every part of yourself” included the eyes. In many ways, our eyes function as gates to the mind, and we must be vigilant gate-keepers to avoid admitting sin Job made a promise to himself to guard his eyes around women, and his example is worthy of emulating.

MARRIED WOMAN (WIFE)

- You are your husband’s helper.

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

- Do not carry past relationships into your marriage.
- Take time to care for yourself (makeup, hair, dress etc.) adapt to your husband men are stimulated with their eyes.
- Do not use sex to manipulate your husband.
- Respect and reverence your husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (AMP) However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband that she notices him, regards him, honours him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly.

1 Peter 3:1-2 (AMP) In like manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them], so that even if any do not obey the word [of God], they may be won over not by discussion but by the [Godly] lives of their wives.

Ephesians 5:23 (NIV) For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour.

- Let others observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your reverence for your husband.
- You are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him – to honour, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband.

MARRIED MAN (HUSBAND)

- Husbands and Wives should meet each other's sexual needs.

1 Corinthians 7:3 (NKJV) Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

- What that means as a wife has sexual needs and desires, and the husband says, “Yes, ma’am – reporting for duty!”
- What this means is the wife tells her husband what she likes. Yes, this is Biblical.
- She says, “Honey, I like this, I don’t like this, I don’t like that.”
- You say, “Great. Then that is what I’m doing, because I love you.”
- Men do not know. A lot of women are like, “He should have known.” We do not know ‘jack’ about women. We know nothing. It is a total mystery, man.
- What tends to happen is sex gets negotiated in the marriage.
- No.....It should be:
- The husband saying, “Honey, whatever you want: what makes you happy.”
- The wife saying, “Whatever you want: what makes you happy?”
- We serve each other, love each other, and take care of one another; mutual satisfaction and joy. That is a Christian, biblical, good, happy, and delightful marriage.
- Married men – your body belongs to your wife.

1 Corinthians 7:4 (NKJV) The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

What does she want for your body?

- Does she enjoy looking at you?
- Is it clean?
- Does it smell good?
- Is it being taken care of
- Is it attractive to your wife?

What does she need from it?

- Affection.
- Non – sexual touch (cuddling, holding, hugging.)
- Help around the house!
- Married men – do not deprive your wife.

1 Corinthians 7:5 (NKJV) Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- I've seen so many Christians neglect their spouses; neglect the emotional, physical, sexual union; neglect the intimacy, the investing in one another, the complementing and supporting one another. And it's: "I can't believe that they were not faithful."
- Well.... you didn't tend to your garden, and weeds grew up, is what Song of Solomon would say. You must tend to your garden; otherwise the weeds will indeed grow.
- And what he's saying is this: if you deprive one another, and you're not taking care of one another, and one person gets bitter, frustrated, feels rejected, hurt, or let down.
- The key is stay close together so there's no room for Satan in your bed.
