



Follow Up Study After Baptism “Purity”

Our society exalts sexual immorality, and it’s raging out of control. Teenagers have hormones that are newly active and they can let them rage out of control. Singles are looking for love in all the wrong places. Marriages are ending in divorce more now than ever before even though more people claim to be Christians. God has made it clear that he wants us all to let the natural sexual desires remain dormant until they can be expressed within the marriage relationship.

In the Bible the term “purity” is most often referring to sexual purity, but it also is used to refer to being free from contamination by worldliness in general. Contaminated water is undrinkable, just as a contaminated heart is unacceptable to God.

Question: Have you, or anyone you know, ever had food poisoning? What happens?

- Since the food is contaminated and poisonous, the body does everything possible to flush the poison out. If the poison is not removed the person could die.

Being contaminated and poisoned by the world will damage your soul.

Question: How do you define impurity?

- Impurity is not just physically but it can also be emotionally.
- Often Satan tries to create an emotional connection in order to slowly pull you away from God’s standard.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

- What does the Bible call for us to do in order to stay pure?
- When are you most tempted to be impure?
- Is there anyone that Satan is trying to use to lead you into impurity (physically or emotionally)?

2 Timothy 2:22

A. What does it mean to “flee” from something?

- To desperately run away from something dangerous (a murderer, predator, etc...)

B. What does it mean to “pursue” something?

- To move toward something with all your strength

Ephesians 5:3-7

- How much is a hint? Are there any hints in your life?
- What does God call us to replace impurity with?

How do you overcome these temptations? **Psalm 119:9-16**

- We overcome sin by meditating on God’s precepts (word) and following his statutes.

James 5:16 (we as a family are here for each other, not to judge but to support)

- God wants you to be pure and holy, he’s given you his word and spiritual brothers and sisters to help you on your spiritual journey.