

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in **purity**. —1 Timothy 4:12 ESV

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¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

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⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.
—1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 ESV

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“Pleasing God is the intentional pursuit of every authentic follower of Christ.”

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⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.
⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.
—1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 ESV

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Purity is a
Standard Established by God

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“There is a God-given context
for sex—heterosexual marriage.”

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²⁴Therefore a man shall leave
his father and his mother and
hold fast to his wife, and they
shall become one flesh. ²⁵And
the man and his wife were both
naked and were not ashamed.

—Genesis 2:24-25 ESV

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Let marriage be held in honor
among all, and let the marriage
bed be undefiled, for God will
judge the sexually immoral and
adulterous. —Hebrews 13:4 ESV

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“No sinful sex is safe sex.”
—Alistar Begg

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Purity is a
Stigma in Our World

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...not in the passion of lust like the
Gentiles who do not know God.
—1 Thessalonians 4:5 ESV

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“Character is what you are in the dark.” —D.L. Moody

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Purity is a
Struggle For Every Believer

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¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. —1 John 2:15-16 ESV

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“Lust is a sexual desire that dishonors its object and disregards God.”
—John Piper

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...that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor. —1 Thessalonians 4:4 ESV

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“Faith professed in Christ that does not regard God’s standard of purity is simply hypocrisy.”

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Now may the God of peace
Himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul
and body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Thessalonians 5:23 ESV

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How do we pursue purity?
Recognize God's Ownership
of Your Body

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¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every
other sin a person commits is outside
the body, but the sexually immoral
person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or
do you not know that your body is a
temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God? You are
not your own, ²⁰for you were bought
with a price. So glorify God in your
body. —1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ESV

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How do we pursue purity?
Reclaim Your Members For
God's Glory

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¹What shall we say then? Are
we to continue in sin that grace
may abound?...⁶We know that
our old self was crucified with
Him in order that the body of
sin might be brought to
nothing, so that we would no
longer be enslaved to sin...

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¹³Do not present your members
to sin as instruments for
unrighteousness, but present
yourselves to God as those who
have been brought from death to
life, and your members to God
as instruments for righteousness.
—Romans 6:1, 6, 13 ESV

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How do we pursue purity?
Remember God's Promise in the
Heat of Temptation

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No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
—1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV

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How do we pursue purity?
Replay God's Warning

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... that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. —1 Thessalonians 4:6 ESV

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Purity is
Sustained by the Holy Spirit

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¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. —Galatians 5:16, 22-23 ESV

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“Purity is not a virtue I can obtain but a victory I can experience through the power of God’s Holy Spirit.”

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