

**Maintaining the Biblical Standard for Purity
in Today's Culture**

**I. The Scriptural Measure
summarize each verse on the topic of:**

A. adultery Mark 10:19

Exodus 20:12-16

Deut.5:16-21

what is the Biblical perspective of adultery?

B. immorality 1 Thess. 4:3

Eph. 5:3

what is the Biblical perspective of immorality?

C. sensuality Mark 7:21-22

1 Peter 4:2-3

what is the Biblical perspective of sensuality?

D. impurity 1 Thess. 4:7

what is the Biblical perspective of impurity?

E. lust 1 Peter 2:11

James 1:13-15

what is the Biblical perspective of lust?

II. The Scriptural Motivation

A. summarize the motivation for purity found in these verses:

1 Cor. 6:18-20

1 Cor. 10:31

B. summarize the motivation for purity found in these verses:

Heb. 12:1-2

1 Cor. 9:27

Heb. 11:25-26

C. summarize the motivation for purity found in these verses:

1 Pet. 2:11

2 Pet. 2:19

1 Tim. 6:9

1 Cor. 6:18

Job 31:11-12

Ps. 107:10-12

Proverbs 6:26-32

Is 57:20-21

what is the contrast between the above verses (C) and the promise of blessing for the person who follows the Lord?

Deut. 10:12-13

Deut. 5:29

1 Cor. 2:9

Jer. 29:11-13

Eph. 1:7-8

III. The Scriptural Method

In the following passage, Paul explained that he had done something with the Thessalonians to help them walk in a way pleasing to God, specifically in the area of sanctification, meaning abstaining from sexual immorality. What did he say he had done with the Thessalonians? 1 Thess. 4:1-8

In 1 Cor. 4:17, Paul indicates he gave the same instruction in each church; summarize the instruction of Paul from the following passages:

Eph. 5:18/ Gal. 5:16

Eph. 4:22-24

Rom. 13:14

Col. 3:18

Rom. 6:12-13

2 Cor. 3:5-6

Eph. 6:10-18

Rom. 12:2

2 Cor. 10:4-5

Phil. 4:8

2 Tim 2:22

summarize the instruction of the Psalmist in Ps. 119:37

how is this similar to what Jesus taught in Matt. 5:29?

and with what Job said in Job 31:1

Ps. 101:3-4

**summarize insights from the Proverbs 4:25-27, 13:20, 27:17
4:14-15, 28:13**

Options for responding to failure:

A. "It's no big deal. I can still do Christian activities without dealing with private sin, because nobody knows about it anyway."

Proverbs 10:9 "He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his way will be found out."

**Some men die in battle
Some men die in flames
Most men die by inches
While playing little games**

(Betty Skinner)

B. "I'm a complete failure and will never be any different. It's no use even continuing to try. I'm just going to give up and get out of the battle."

Psalms 130:3-4 "If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayst be feared."

The Lord is not surprised at our failures and these failures have already been paid for at the cross. What is key is how we respond to failure. We need to realize that the Lord is eager to forgive (Ps 86:5). Therefore, the correct response is:

C. "I've failed. I confess that this is wrong and turn from this, forsaking this, and I thank You for Your forgiveness and for restoring me back into fellowship with You."

Is. 55:7-8 "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return to the Lord and He will have compassion on him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon"

1 Jn. 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Proverbs 28:13 "He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion."

Confessing sin and being restored to fellowship with the Lord allows me to resume walking in the Spirit (Gal.5:16), living in victory (1 Cor. 15:57), and continuing in the battle (Eph. 6:10-12)

Summary

Maintaining the Biblical standard for purity requires living moment by moment in submission to (yielded to) the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18) while daily saturating my mind with God's Word (Ps. 119:97-105) allowing the Lord to do His transforming work in my life (2 Cor. 5:17)