

Keep Yourselves Pure

Ephesians 5

How can a young man keep his way pure? **Psalm 119:9a**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. **Hebrews 13:8**
so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life— **Philippians 2:15-16a**

God Expects the Christian to Live a Life of Purity

1. Not even a _____ of sexual immorality

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. **Ephesians 5:3**

2. No obscenity

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Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. **Ephesians 5:4**

For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. **Ephesians 5:12**

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. **Ephesians 5:6**

3. Be alert for empty worldly _____

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For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. **Jude 1:4**

“Do whatever makes you happy”

You will be vulnerable to all kinds of things that while immediately pleasurable, in the end are very costly and will destroy you.

➤ God has not called us to be happy, he has called us to be _____

Therefore do not be partners with them. **Ephesians 5:7**

4. Don't develop close intimate _____ with people whose moral values are opposed to yours

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

How the Believer remains motivated to a life of purity

1. Be _____ of God

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children **Ephesians 5:1**

*and find out what pleases the Lord. **Ephesians 5:10***

2. We keep our purity to _____ the Father

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and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **Ephesians 5:2**

3. We are to live lives of purity out of _____ for the people we care about

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*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” **Ephesians 5:31***

*But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself. **Proverbs 6:32***

*and live a life of love, just as **Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us** as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **Ephesians 5:2***

4. The _____ example of Jesus Christ motivates us to make whatever sacrifices is necessary to be faithful to Him

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*In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. **Hebrews 12:4***

*Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things **God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.** **Ephesians 5:6***

5. God's _____

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*For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **Ephesians 5:5***

6. A positive _____ to unbelievers

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*For you were once darkness, but now **you are light in the Lord.** Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) **Ephesians 5:8-9***

*let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16***

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:9-11***

*“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. **Isaiah 1:18***

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