

Today's Message Outline: "Passionate Purity"

If you were Satan, where would you destroy you?

God doesn't want you to hurt yourself or others.

¹⁸*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." - 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV 1984)*

God designed sex for the marriage covenant only.

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." - Hebrews 13:4 (NIV 1984)

(see also 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7)

I can look but not touch, right? Wrong.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." - Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV 1984)

The truth hurts sometimes, but it ALWAYS results in freedom!

"...Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" - John 8:31-32 (NIV 1984)

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A Prayer For ... Purity

Father, your ways and your thoughts are higher than my ways and my thoughts. Renew my mind.

Remind me that I am your holy temple because your Holy Spirit lives in me. Remind me that I am not my own and that my body does not belong to me. I confess that I have had lustful thoughts, and that by those thoughts, I have committed adultery in my heart. I confess that through my sin I have tarnished your image in me and distanced myself from you.

Father, forgive me for the ways that I have sinned sexually and lost focus regarding your place in my thoughts and my sexual actions. Lord, empower me to keep my mind and heart pure and far removed from sexual temptation so that your springs of life are free to flow through me as I seek to accomplish all that you have given to me to do today.

*"Above all else, guard your heart,
for it is the wellspring of life."
(Proverbs 4:23, NIV)*

Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

1. If you were Satan, where would you destroy you?
2. Read Ephesians 5:3. How can we live this in our culture today?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What do you believe is permissible for you in this topic of sexual purity?
4. Read Galatians 6:7-8. How does this passage apply to sexual purity?