

Purity and Relationships

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Psalm 24:3-5 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

- I. Throughout the Scriptures purity is more often than not connected with our interaction with other people.
 - A. The matter of purity is not simply for our own sake, or so we can be right with God, it is necessary in order to be right with others.
 - B. Every relationship between people is affected by purity or the lack thereof.
 - C. More than that, we can say that it is one of the pillars of any relationship.
 - D. The meaning of the word is genuine, singular, true, unadulterated, real.
 - E. The relationship between God and man started out that way in the garden.
 1. While there was only good the relationship was pure and wonderful.
 2. But when the knowledge of evil was introduced the relationship was ruined.
 3. In all human relationships it is the same way.
 - F. The closer the relationship the more purity matters.
 - G. Any relationship with God requires purity.

- II. In the matter of marriage purity is vital to the relationship.
 - A. Purity before marriage is a major factor in the establishment of a home.
 - B. To have a plurality of relationships prior to marriage is a detriment in many ways.
 1. It is confusing; it tends to harden the heart; it is defiling to the heart and mind.
 2. You will carry memories into your marriage of being with each one of those other persons.
 3. Your spouse will know that, and it will be a spot and a wrinkle that should not, and does not have to be there.
 4. The worldly idea of dating is all about this; “shop around and find what you want; get some experience.”
 5. But all you are doing is defiling your heart, your mind, and your conscience, and you will pay for it in any meaningful relationship you have later.
 - C. Purity carries the meaning of being singular; marriage is an exclusive relationship.
 1. The standard marriage vows contain a phrase that says, “I will keep me only unto thee.”
 2. To keep the relationship pure it must stay that way.
 3. The introduction of anyone else, or anything else into the relationship, other than the children, is going to cause trouble in the marriage.
 4. The husband cannot have his buddies and the wife cannot have her girlfriends that interfere, or take away from the relationship between them.

5. If you want to have a good marriage, do things together; stay together; enjoy one another's company more than you enjoy the company of anyone else.
 6. This does not mean that neither can have any friends or ever do anything without the other, but there is a line when it hurts one or the other, and nothing should cross that line.
- D. Purity in marriage and in all other relationships also means just simply keeping yourself clean. (consider the children in this matter)
1. Clean in mind; clean in heart; clean in conscience. (pornography; lusts)
 2. Clean in your language and thoughts.
 3. Clean in your body; maintain good hygiene and good manners in front of one another.
 4. Do not defile your relationship with rudeness, crudeness, and profanity.
- III. Young people should be made to understand that they have one opportunity to enter into marriage pure and clean, and they should know how important that is to a happy life.
- A. It is God's way, and it is the right way, and it is the best way.
 - B. Any other way you will suffer loss; even if you find forgiveness and cleansing from the impurity; you will never know what it could have been like.
 - C. Purity is a very valuable thing to bring to the marriage altar; not only purity of body, but of mind, heart, and conscience. (both bride and groom)
- IV. The lack of purity has absolutely ruined the world we live in.
- A. It is almost not found anywhere, even in the Bible preaching churches.
 - B. There is a disconnect between the generations in how bad it has gotten, especially in the churches.
 - C. The influence of feminism through the education system and the media have destroyed and defiled the past few generations of women and now it is unbelievable how profane, unchaste, and whorishly aggressive they are.
 - D. Our boys are having to deal with things that we never did when it comes to girls and finding a wife.
 - E. Any boy that has any sense in his head, or godliness in his heart, is turned off completely by profane and whorish girls who only have one thing on their mind.
 - F. The churches are full of these kinds of girls, whether you believe it or not; the boys know, and so does anyone else who doesn't have their head buried in the sand.
 - G. No relationship that begins in this kind of corruption and ungodliness is going to last, but will only bring ruination and grief and misery to all the lives it affects.
- V. When purity is lost the relationship is ruined, no matter what kind of relationship it is.

Ezekiel 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. (the devil)

- A. When we find uncleanness in someone it changes our feelings toward them.
- B. When we find iniquity or uncleanness in someone it changes the relationship and most of the time puts an end to it.
- C. Entering into any relationship purity and cleanness is what we look for.

1 Samuel 25:28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. (Abigail to David when she brought the food)