

Essential Quality #4: Purity (Pt. One)

Introduction:

Going "mouth to mouth with the world" analogy. Purity was not common practice in the Cretan culture, much like it's not in ours.

1. What does purity mean?

Positively:

- a. O.T.--to be free from ceremonial defilement
- b. N.T.--to be chaste, undefiled, without evil or sin
- c. The gift of a new nature
- d. "Keeping your _____ clean as you walk about in a dirty world"

Negatively:

- e. Ignorance
- f. Snobbishness
- g. Exclusiveness
- h. Legalism

2. How is one to stay pure?

- a. Seek _____.
- b. Know that purity starts _____.
- c. Stay _____ and go contrary to feelings.

3. What's the difference between purity and impurity?

- a. The Impure Person...a Scripture survey

b. The Pure Person...with the same

4. Why is there such a problem with impurity today?

a. We have a corrupt culture.

i. Children are left ignorant by parents.

ii. Culture is _____.

iii. We promote the _____ lifestyle.

iv. We worship _____, and therefore sex.

b. We have believed crafty lies about sex.

i. Sex is the most important thing in the world.

ii. "You must try it now and gain _____."

iii. Marriage, or sex itself, _____.

iv. "If I'm in love, premarital sex is okay."

v. Only _____ is wrong prior to marriage.

c. We have confused our various drives.

i. "Sex" and "love" are used interchangeably.

ii. The physical drive is easy and promotes laziness between couples.

iii. The sex drive is progressive.

d. We are in a constant battle.

i. Someone you date may be an " _____ " Christian.

ii. Even Christians will not always be Spirit-filled.

iii. We have to battle against our own flesh.

iv. Sin is a deceptive enemy.

1. It does pay immediate _____.

2. Most of its consequences are
_____.

3. It appears controllable.

5. Christians have lost not only their fear of God, but their hatred of sin.