

Sexual Purity Seminar

11-11-11 ☺

What is God's standard?

Questions for you...

- In your mind right now, what is God's standard of sexual purity?

- Are you currently living according to that standard and are you teaching others to do the same, especially your kids?

Questions for the group...

- What is most people's understanding of God's standard of sexual purity?

- How do they feel about that standard and do they live according to it?

My story

What does the Bible have to say?

- Sex is _____
 - o **Genesis 2:24-25 (ESV)**
²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.
 - o **Proverbs 5:18-19 (ESV)**
¹⁸Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, ¹⁹a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.
 - o **Song of Songs 1:2-4 (ESV)**
²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine;...⁴Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers...
 - o **Song of Songs 7:1-12 (ESV)**
¹...Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of a master hand. ²Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat, encircled with lilies. ³Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle...⁶How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights! ⁷Your stature is like a palm tree, and

your breasts are like its clusters. ⁸ I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit. Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples, ⁹ and your mouth like the best wine. She It goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over lips and teeth. ¹⁰ I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me. ¹¹ Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields and lodge in the villages... There I will give you my love.

- o **1 Corinthians 7:5 (ESV)**

⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- Sexual immorality is _____

- o **Exodus 20:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

- o **Leviticus 20:10-16 (ESV)**

¹⁰ "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹ If a man lies with his father's wife... both of them shall surely be put to death...

¹³ If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death... If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal.

- o **Proverbs 7:1-27 (ESV)**

¹ My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you... ⁵ to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words. ⁶ For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, ⁷ and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, ⁸ passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house ⁹ in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. ¹⁰ And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. ¹¹ She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home; ¹² now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait. ¹³ She seizes him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him, ¹⁴ "I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; ¹⁵ so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. ¹⁶ I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love. ¹⁹ For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; ²⁰ he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home." ²¹ With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. ²² All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast ²³ till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life. ²⁴ And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth. ²⁵ Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, ²⁶ for many a victim has she laid low, and all her

slain are a mighty throng. ²⁷ Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.

o **Ezekiel 16:35-38 (ESV)**

³⁵ “Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of the Lord: ³⁶ Thus says the Lord God, Because your lust was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols,...³⁷ therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved and all those you hated. I will gather them against you from every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. ³⁸ And I will judge you as women who commit adultery... are judged, and bring upon you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

o **1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (ESV)**

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

o **Revelation 21:8 (ESV)**

⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

o **1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (ESV)**

⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

o **1 Corinthians 7:36 (ESV)**

³⁶ If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin.

• Jesus _____ sexual immorality

o **Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)**

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

o **1 Timothy 5:1-2 (NIV)**

¹ Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

o **Ephesians 5:3-7 (NIV)**

³ 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. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

Question for the group...

- After looking at these texts, how would you now define God's standard of sexual purity?

Why is it good?

Questions for the group...

- How do you feel or how did you feel when you first came to understand what God's standard of purity was?

- How do you think those who are not followers of Jesus would feel about it?

God's standard of purity is good because God is _____.

- **Psalms 25:8 (ESV)**

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

- **Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV)**

⁹ "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Imagine if you were _____ and _____ before the fall

- **Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)**

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Two testimonies of the goodness of purity

- Dana and Tom ([For Such a Time as This](#) by Lisa Ryan pp.32-33)

- Samantha Kelleher

How do you do it?

As you think about embracing and living out God's standard of purity and teaching others to do the same, what comes to mind?

Lessons from [The Princess and the Kiss](#) by Jennie Bishop

- Recognize your purity as a _____ from God
- Guard your purity
- Hustle while you wait
- When you're ready be patient
- Trust God throughout

Practical Purity Tips

- Make a commitment to purity

- o **Job 31:1 (ESV)**
¹“I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?
- o **Psalms 37:5 (ESV)**
⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- Embrace your singleness
 - o **1 Corinthians 7:6-7 (ESV)**
⁶Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.
 - o **1 Corinthians 7:28-35 (ESV)**
²⁸But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that...³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.
 - o **1 Corinthians 7:38 (ESV)**
³⁸So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.
- Don't be a stumbling block
 - o **Luke 17:1-2 (ESV)**
¹And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.
 - o **1 Corinthians 8:9-13 (NIV)**
⁹Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak...¹³Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.
- Do dating different
 - o [I Kissed Dating Goodbye](#) and [Boy Meets Girl](#) by Joshua Harris
- Don't be unequally yoked
 - o **2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (ESV)**
¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

- Work on your love life
 - **1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (ESV)**

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
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 - Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God by CJ MaHaney, Intimacy Ignited by Dillow and Pintus, Fireproof and The Love Dare by Kendrick

- Learn from Joseph
 - **Genesis 39:6-12 (ESV)**

⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph’s charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷ And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” ⁸ But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. *How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?*” ¹⁰ And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, *he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.* ¹¹ But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” *But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.*

 - Recognize that you’re sinning against God
 - **2 Samuel 12:13 (ESV)**

¹³ David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”
 - **Psalms 51:4 (ESV)**

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,...
 - Steer clear and don’t go near
 - **Proverbs 5:3-8 (ESV)**

³ For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, ⁴ but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword...⁸ Keep your

way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house,

- FLEE!!!

- **2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV)**

- ²² So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

- Cut off a hand gouge out an eye

- o **Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)**

- ²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

- Set your mind on things above

- o **Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)**

- ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- o **Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)**

- ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

- o **Colossians 3:2 (NIV)**

- ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

- o **2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)**

- ⁵ ...take every thought captive to obey Christ,

- o **Philippians 4:8 (ESV)**

- ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

- o **Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)**

- ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

- Make God your treasure

- o **Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV)**

- ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he

has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

o **Philippians 3:7-8 (ESV)**

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

o **Psalms 16:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

o Passion and Purity by Elisabeth Elliot

• Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again

o **1 John 1:9 (ESV)**

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

o **Psalms 103:12 (ESV)**

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

o **Romans 8:1 (ESV)**

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

o **Lamentations 3:21-23 (ESV)**

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

o **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV)**

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

o **John 8:10-11 (ESV)**

¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”]]

o **Luke 7:47-48 (ESV)**

⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Recommended Resources

- The Princess and the Kiss by Jennie Bishop
- I Kissed Dating Goodbye and Boy Meets Girl by Joshua Harris
- Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God by CJ MaHane
- Intimacy Ignited by Dillow and Pintus

- *Fireproof* and The Love Dare by Kendrick
- Passion and Purity by Elisabeth Elliot

Question for you...

- What is the one thing that God wants you to do with what you learned tonight?

Sexual Purity Seminar Feedback **11-11-11**

Was this seminar a blessing to you? Why or why not?

What did you think about the format?

- Friday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.?

- Three parts, teaching followed by question and answer, short breaks in between?

What if anything could be done next time to make your time more enjoyable?

What future seminar topics would you like to see?

Thanks so much for coming, and may God bless your efforts to live pure for Him!