



LOVE & PURITY

The Word 'love' can be used in many ways. We have been learning about relationships with our families, and most of us, if not all, would say we love our parents and brothers and sisters. There is also the love between a man and a woman. This love may just be friendship, but it can also be sexual. What does God's Word have to say about this kind of love?

1. GOD'S WORD TO US ALL

✝ What guideline does God's Word give to us all?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 _____

✝ What are the things that can make us impure or defiled?

Mark 7:20-23 _____

✝ What is God's attitude towards impure thoughts?

Matthew 5:27-30 _____

As God's children we are to be pure and holy in all our relationships with other men and women – not only in our actions, but also in our thoughts. Wrong actions come from wrong thoughts, so we need to guard our inner life.

2. GOD'S WORD TO SINGLES



✝ What are God's standards for those who are not yet married?

1 Corinthians 6:18 _____

✝ What two reasons does God give to run from this sin?

1 Corinthians 6:18b-20 _____

✝ How should young men act towards those of the opposite sex?

1 Timothy 5:2 _____

Today many say it is good to live with your boyfriend or girlfriend to 'try it out and see if it works', but the Bible calls this 'fornication' (*sex before marriage*). God gives us these commands because he loves us and wants the best for us.

3. GOD'S WORD TO MARRIEDS



God is the One who created men and women to have a sexual relationship, but that relationship is to be kept within marriage.

✝ What is God's attitude towards adultery? (A sexual relationship with another married person)

Exodus 20:14 _____

1 Thessalonians 4:6-8 _____

We have seen how we are to act towards those of the opposite sex, whether we are married or single. To live a pure life we need to guard our thoughts.

🧠 How can we guard ourselves from lustful thoughts when we are surrounded by impure things? What are some of the things we need to avoid? Discuss.

✝ What does God's Word tell us to do so we can keep our thoughts pure?

Psalms 119:9-11 _____

Philippians 4:8 _____

Ephesians 5:3-5 _____

There is a children's song that says: "Be careful little eyes what you see ... be careful little ears what you hear ... for the Father up above is looking up in love ... be careful..." We live in an unclean world where immorality and sex before marriage is considered normal. God's standard has never changed, and He will give us the strength to obey Him if we ask. In Matthew 5:6 it says: "God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God."



Pray for one another that God will help you to stay pure, and he will lead you in your relationships.

Memory Verse

"How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word and following its rules."

Psalm 119:9