A GODLY LIFE

1. A Pure Life



Introduction

We live in an ungodly world. Sadly the standards of the world have invaded the church, and many think that God's standards are old fashioned and no longer apply to us. That is not true. God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and his Word has not changed. His standard for his children is that we are like him, that we are Godly.

Y	What does God pror	What does God promise to the pure in heart?			
	Psalm 24:3-5				
	Matthew 5:8				
•	What are the standa	rds God sets for us?			
	1 Peter 1:14-15				

What do you think purity means? In what areas of our lives should we be pure?

One of those Godly attributes is purity. Let's look at this quality now:

1. Purity in our Relationships

A. With the Opposite Sex

The Bible is full of examples of those we should follow, and others as warnings to avoid. Let's look at two examples – one good, and the other bad.

Read Genesis 39:7-12 and 2 Samuel 11:1-4. Compare the example of Joseph and David.						
1. What was the situation each one faced?						
Joseph						
David						
2. What was their attitude to their situation?						
Joseph						
David						
3. How did they act?						
Joseph						
David						



♥ What is God's stand	What is God's standard concerning relationships with the opposite sex?				
Matthew 5:27-2	Matthew 5:27-28				
♥ What reasons are g	orality?				
1 Thessalonians	s 4:3-8				
1 Corinthians 6	:18-20				
There are many things that can influence our lives and hinder us from living God's standard of purity? What are some of these things? How can we guard ourselves against these influences?					
B. With One And	other				
♥ What guidelines do	• What guidelines does Paul give in 1 Timothy 5:1-2 for our relationships with others?				
Older men	Yo	unger men			
Older women	Yo	unger women			
2. Purity in Speech					
♥ What is God's com	■ What is God's command concerning our speech?				
Ephesians 5:3-5	5				
► How is it possible to continually speak pure words?					
Philippians 4:8	Philippians 4:8				
What is one reason for desiring to speak what is pure?					
Proverbs 15:26	í				
What should you do as a Christian when you are with others where you study or work and they tell dirty jokes?					

3. Purity in our Heart

Some Christians blame the enemy when they speak impure words, but God's word tells us clearly what the real source is!

♥ What determines the kind of words we speak?



	Mark 7:21-23
•	What are the steps that lead to impure words and actions?
	James 1:13-15
•	Why can we never blame God for the temptation we face?
	James 1:13-14

Although the Bible clearly says that impurity comes from within our hearts, if we don't blame the devil, we often find other excuses. See what the Bible says about the excuses we often give.

a. 'Everyone does it, so it must be all right.'	See Proverbs 14:12
b. 'It is up to me whether I feel it is right or not.'	See Proverbs 30:12
c. 'If I don't hurt anyone then it is all right.'	See Leviticus 5:17
d. 'No-one will ever find out so it doesn't matter.'	See Hebrews 4:13
e. 'I can't help it – that is the way I was brought up.'	See Ezekiel 18:20, 30, Galatians 6:7-8

We have no excuse for sin and impurity. If you want God to change you, you have to stop making excuses and see sin as God sees it. Ask him to cleanse you and give you a desire to have a pure heart. A pure heart is the key to speaking pure words and having pure relationships.

How can we have a pure heart according to the following verses?

Matthew 12:34-35

'Blessed is the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'

