

Purity Workshop

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I. God's standard. Husband and wife.

A. Gen.1:27,28...be fruitful and multiply (God created sex! intending for them to have sex in order to multiply) 31 God saw all that He had made, and behold it was **very** good."

Compare with: Gen 1:4,10,12,18,21,25 "God saw that it was good".

Now, it is **very** good.

In God's eyes, sex is a very good thing

B. Adam + Eve. Gen. 2:24 "**For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh**" A helper corresponding to him, the right fit (help meet), to be his other half.. Just like all the animals he had named. He got to name this new creature, also: Ishah, woman.

Jesus solidified this teaching in the New Testament: Mark 10:2-9

"Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. And He answered and said to them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. **For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh.** What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

C. The model of marriage:

Ephesians 5:22-33 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body. **For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.** This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

Heb.13:4 "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled.; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

D. God's will = Sanctification.

I Thess.4:1-8 (see H.O. Foundations for Successful Courtship and Marriage.)

E. Purity

Pure (def. The American Heritage Dictionary)

1. Having a homogeneous or uniform composition; not mixed. 2. Free from adulterants or impurities; full-strength. 3. Free from dirt, defilement, or pollution; clean 4. Free from foreign elements. 5. Containing nothing inappropriate or extraneous. 6. Complete; thorough; utter: 7. Without faults; perfect; sinless 8. Chaste; virgin [Middle English *pur*, *pure*, from Old French *pur* (feminine *pure*, from Latin *purus*, clean]

God's plan: Full-strength sex. Clean, not dirty. 100%

Ex 20:14 " You shall not commit adultery. NASU

Adultery

Adulterate: To make impure, spurious, or inferior by adding extraneous or improper ingredients. [Latin *adulterare*, to pollute, commit adultery]

Broken plan: Inferior. Polluted. Less than 100%; lacking.**II. Man's deviation from the standard.**

Pollution.

A. Definitions**ADULTERY**

(Dictionary def) "Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful husband or wife."

FORNICATION

(Dictionary def): "sexual intercourse between a man and woman not married to each other."

LASCIVIOUSNESS

(def): Of or characterized by lust; lewd; lecherous: 2. Exciting sexual desires.

B. Topic search. (from Nave's Topical Bible, Electronic Database Copyright © 1990 by Biblesoft, Inc. and TriStar Publishing)

SENSUALITY

See ADULTERY

See DRUNKENNESS

See FORNICATION

See GLUTTONY

See SELF-INDULGENCE

See SODOMY/SODOMITES

See WHORE

See WHOREDOME

INSTANCES OF

1. Sodomites Gen 19:4-11 (homosexuality, attempted rape)

4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; 5 and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them." 6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, 7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. 8 "Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof." 9 But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door. 10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11 They struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway. NASU
General scriptures concerning:

(The inhabitants of Sodom, many of whom openly practiced homosexuality)

Wickedness of:

Destroyed by fire as a judgment

To be judged according to opportunity

A proverbial term of reproach applied to those who practiced sodomy (ritual homosexuality)

The word "harlot" ("shrine prostitute" (N. I. V.)) appears in and is applied to males

and is the translation of a Hebrew feminine form of the word translated elsewhere "sodomite"

2. Lot's daughters (incest)

Gen 19:30-38

30 Lot Is Debased

Lot went up from Zoar, and stayed in the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to stay in Zoar; and he stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of the earth. 32 "Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him that we may preserve our family through our father." 33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 34 On the following day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve our family through our father." 35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37 The firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 As for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day. NASU

3. Shechem Gen. 34. Rape.

Raped Tamar when they were alone in a field.

4. Reuben Gen 35:22; 49:3,4 Incest.

Slept with his father's concubine.

5. Judah. Seeking a prostitute (incest)

Gen 38:13-19

13 It was told to Tamar, "Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep." 14 So she removed her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face. 16 So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, "Here now, let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" 17 He said, therefore, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." She said, moreover, "Will you give a pledge until you send it?" 18 He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" And she said, "Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. 19 Then she arose and departed, and removed her veil and put on her widow's garments. NASU

6. Potiphar's wife. Adultery.

Desperate housewife. Pursued and tried to seduce Joseph.

Gen. 39:6-18

7. The Gibeahites Homosexuality, gang rape.

Judges 19:22-26

22 While they were celebrating, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have relations with him." 23 Then the man, the owner of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my fellows, please do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not commit this act of folly. 24 " Here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may ravish them and do to them whatever you wish. But do not commit such an act of folly against this man." 25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and brought her out to them; and they raped her and abused her all night until morning, then let her go at the approach of dawn. 26 As the day began to dawn, the woman came and fell down at the doorway of the man's house where her master was, until full daylight. NASU

8. Eli's sons. Promiscuous sex at church.

1 Sam 2:22-25

22 Eli Rebukes His Sons

Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting. 23 He said to them, "Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people? 24 "No, my sons; for the report is not good which I hear the LORD'S people circulating. 25 "If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death. NASU

9. David Polygamy. Adultery.

II Sam 5:13-16

13 Meanwhile David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David. 14 Now these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet. NASU

II Sam 11:2-5

2 Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her; and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant." NASU

10. Amnon Rape, incest

II Sam 13:1-19

13:1 Amnon and Tamar

Now it was after this that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar, and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 Amnon was so frustrated because of his sister Tamar that he made himself ill, for she was a virgin, and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very shrewd man. 4 He said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so depressed morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Then Amnon said to him, "I am in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom." 5 Jonadab then said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill; when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me some food to eat, and let her prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat from her hand.'" 6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7 Then David sent to the house for Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him." 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was lying down. And she took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. 9 She took the pan and dished them out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me." So everyone went out from him. 10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." So Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them into the bedroom to her brother Amnon. 11 When she brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister." 12 But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this disgraceful thing! 13 "As for me, where could I get rid of my reproach? And as for you, you will be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you." 14 However, he would not listen to her; since he was stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!" 16

But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her. 17 Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now throw this woman out of my presence, and lock the door behind her." 18 Now she had on a long-sleeved garment; for in this manner the virgin daughters of the king dressed themselves in robes. Then his attendant took her out and locked the door behind her. 19 Tamar put ashes on her head and tore her long-sleeved garment which was on her; and she put her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went. NASU

11. Absalom Incest.

II Sam. 16:20-23

Absalom publicly had sex with his father's (King David) concubines.

12. Solomon. Polygamy

1 Kings 11:1-8

11:1 Solomon Turns from God

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, " You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. 4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. 6 Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father had done. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. 8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. NASU

13. Rehoboam. Polygamy (and encouraging his sons into polygamy)

2 Chron 11:23

Then Rehoboam took as a wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse, 19 and she bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah and Zaham. 20 After her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom, and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomith. 21 Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom more than all his other wives and concubines. For he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters. 22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah as head and leader among his brothers, for he intended to make him king. 23 He acted wisely and distributed some of his sons through all the territories of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities, and he gave them food in abundance. And he sought many wives for them. NASU

14. Maacah (queen mother), Ritual sex

maintained "high places", I Kings 15:13,14. These were groves of trees, with an "horrid image" dedicated to worship of Ashteroth. This involved ritual sexual activities.

15. Persian kings. Polygamy.
Esther 2:3-4

16. Herod. Incest.

Married his brother's wife.

Herodias had first married Philip, who was her own father's brother (her uncle). Then Herod Anapias, (another uncle, Philip's brother) talked her into leaving Philip and marrying him. Matt. 14: 1-11

17. The Samaritan woman John 4: 16-18. Multiple marriages, and cohabiting.
She had 5 previous husbands, and was now just living with a man.

18. The woman brought to Jesus in the Temple. John 8. Woman caught in adultery.

19. Corinthians

I Cor. 6:9-11 "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you...."

C. Examples today.

1. We are on a slippery slope (in American/Western/post Christian culture)

Began with accepting a man and woman being allowed to live together without being married. Then, slid by increments from that point.

(married, unmarried man & woman, unmarried communal group of men and women, unmarried same-sex, marrying multiple partners/serial or polygamy, including non-humans?..)

2. All of these previous Biblical references refer to behavior, mostly public.

What about what is done in private?

American characteristic of privacy.

Judges interpreted constitutional provision prohibiting illegal entry and search applied to sexual behavior, abortion....Privacy in own home. Lot of laws protecting privacy.

Pornography. (def)

Bible does not deal specifically with pornography. The problem is that it offers opportunity for sexual exploration without other witnesses. Guilt then drives this into more privacy. Cover up, afraid of being found out. Denial. 'Allows for public face and private activity. This can drive a cycle of addiction.

Technology enabled. In Bible times, there were very limited ways to make images. Painting was not well-developed. Sculpture in wood, stone, or metals were the main instances.

We now have more technologies to record images:

Photography, videography.

We can now generate images, of things and people which do not even exist.

Computer animation. 3 D imaging, and holography.

Technology is tinkering with generating images directly in the brain.....

(so is it adultery if the image and person is not real?)

III. Disaster recovery and repair.

A. Repentance. A voluntary, sincere, and heart felt turning away from sin and turning toward God.

1. Can be hard to get through to us when we are in the middle of living in sin.

Prov.17:12 "Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly."

Prov.16:2 "All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives (hearts)."

2. The joy of repentance:

Psa. 30:5 "His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning"

Prov.3:7,8 "Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh and strength to your bones."

Acts 3:19 "Therefore, repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Lam.3:19-33, 40-41 "...For if He causes grief, then He will have compassion too according to His lovingkindness, for He does not enjoy causing sorrow or affliction the sons of men."

3. We can press the "refresh button", and start over with true repentance.

(Be wary of asking for God's forgiveness flippantly. Cheap grace. What it cost to forgive you was VERY expensive.)

Lam. 3:22,23 "The Lord's lovingkindness never ceases, and His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness."

B. Clear conscience. (Confession and Restitution)

"And herein to I exercise myself always to have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man." Acts 24:16

Confession and forgiveness. "I was wrong to_____. Will you forgive me?"

1. "I was wrong"

--Not: "I'm sorry if you were offended."

A better way to phrase this: "I realized how much I hurt you by what I did."

--Not just "I'm sorry", best to combine it with "I was wrong"

--"I was just kidding, I didn't mean it." (Prov.26:18,19 "Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows and death, so it the one who deceives his neighbor and says, 'Was I not joking?")

--"This would not have happened if you hadn't....."

-- "I just made a mistake".

When talking to God, you are talking about SIN.

Take personal responsibility, and don't project blame.

--"What I did was not as bad as what he/she did"

Don't try to minimize the significance of your own sin by trying to compare yourself with someone else, just to make yourself look better.

2. Ask specifically for forgiveness.

"Will you forgive me?" "Could you find it in your heart to forgive me?"

3. Be careful, and be discerning. Seeking an old girlfriend who is now married, may not be the most appropriate thing to do, or should be done very carefully. Pray for an opportunity. Be very careful what you put in writing. Emails and Facebook are public.

4. A seared conscience is the result of progressively turning away from God and becoming more involved in sexual sin. Rom. 1:18-32 Seared flesh (eschar) has damaged or absent nerve endings. Cannot feel pain or other warnings.

"by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron," I Tim.4:2

"...armed only with your faith and a clear conscience. Some, alas, have laid these weapons contemptuously aside, and as far as their faith is concerned have run their ships on the rocks." I Tim.1:19 JB Phillips

C. Flee temptation.

II Tim.2:22 "Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

What are your triggers? What are situations where you are most likely to succumb to temptation? Avoid them.

--Eye management.

Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust upon a maid." It is said that some Pharisees would close their eyes when they were approaching a woman, so that they would bump into walls. The point is not legalism.

She's a person. Look at her eyes. (I Tim 5: 2 "...the younger women as sisters, in all purity")

--The temptation slide.

James 1: 13-15 "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God', for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death."

--Create distance between you and temptation.

I Thess.5:21,22 "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every appearance of evil." Maintain a margin, distance between you and opportunities to sin. Discipline yourself to not test the edges.

Gene Warr "Deal with temptation from artillery range, not hand-to-hand combat."
Run!

D. Breaking strongholds.

1. Culture.

"tradition handed down from your fathers..." You may need to disengage from the culture. Learn to discern the difference between Scriptural principles and cultural mores.

Do we have to do something just because it is popular, a fad, ingrained in our culture? (e.g. racism, slavery, ...)

Rom.12:1,2

2. Addiction.

Addiction: principles and characteristics.

a. [MayoClinic.com:

(dealing with drug addiction)

Symptoms.

Most drug addictions start with casual or social use of a drug. For some people, this is as far as it goes. For other people, using the drug becomes a habit and use becomes more and more frequent. As time passes, you may need larger doses of the drug to get high. Soon you may need the drug just to feel good. As your drug use increases, you may find that it becomes increasingly difficult to go without the drug. Stopping may cause intense cravings and make you feel physically ill (withdrawal symptoms).

Drug addiction symptoms or behaviors include:

- Feeling that you have to use the drug regularly—this can be daily or even several times a day
- Failing in your attempts to stop using the drug
- Making certain that you maintain a supply of the drug
- Spending money on the drug even though you can't afford it
- Doing things to obtain the drug that you normally wouldn't do, such as stealing
- Feeling that you need the drug to deal with your problems
- Driving or doing other risky activities when you're under the influence of the drug
- Focusing more and more time and energy on getting and using the drug]

b. Sex Addiction.

Similar principles may apply? there is disagreement with calling these "addictions"
(see attached, from About.com. Addictions)

3. Difficult issues.

May be some issues where you should seek some professional counseling.

(child pornography, incest, unwanted same sex desires, abuse,)

Goal: To walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in all respects.

"so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Col. 1:10

E. Put off/ Put On (Changing Thought Patterns)

Ephesians 4:22-24 (17-32)

Unlearn deeply ingrained thought and behavior patterns by “renewing your mind”. Allow the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind with Scripture and walk you through life “putting on” new thought and behavior patterns, which rebuilds you into godliness.

F. Dealing with past hurts.

Sexual abuse. Occurs among boys as well as among girls.

You need to come to the point ultimately, where you are no longer the little child, intimidated by that person. I would recommend counseling to work through this.

Learn to become the victor, not the victim.

(Resource: Relationship Resources, Dr. Jim Talley)

IV. Questions?

Sexual activities not specifically mentioned in the Bible.

Masturbation. (Onan? Gen 38:10)

Oral sex. “outercourse”

Pornography.

V. Resources.

Focus on the Family. www.focusonthefamily.com

Relationship Resources, Dr. Jim Talley, PhD, www.drталley.com

Books:

Anderson, Niel. Victory Over the Darkness, Regal Books.

Davies, Bob & Rentzel, Lori. Coming Out of Homosexuality. Inter Varsity Press.

Hicks, Robert. The Masculine Journey. Understanding the Six Stages of Manhood., NavPress.

Ingram, Chip; Walker, Tim, Sex 180: The Next Revolution, Baker Books

Konrad, Jeff. You Don't Have to Be Gay, Pacific Publishing House.

Paulk, John & Anne, Love Won Out, Focus on the Family

White, Joe, Pure Excitement: A Godly Look at Sex, Love & Dating. Tyndale.