

# **Holy Living**

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## I. Introduction.

A. The problem of holiness in relationships comes to all. (1 Corinthians 6:7-20; Ephesians 4:17-24)

## II. Women are especially vulnerable to problems with the opposite sex. (1 Corinthians 10:20)

A. Girls believe wrongly that they can change a guy.

B. Do not become involved in any way with a married man experiencing marriage problems.

C. We are not exempt from these temptations.

D. A Christ-centered marriage is the greatest thing outside a relationship with Christ, but a marriage outside God's will is hell on earth.

## III. Women have a tremendous influence over men, and should be careful not to scar them.

## IV. Whatever God plants for you, if you let him, will be the most joyous thing in your life.

## V. No guy is worth giving yourself physically to if that is the price.

## VI. God has designed us so that each show of affection progresses to the next. The culmination of physical affection is reserved for marriage. (Proverbs 6:26-28)

A. It is hard to come back from an expression of affection.

B. Each act of affection results in a cry for more.

C. It is easy for us to be deceived about still being in control.

D. The progression of physical affection is quick. (Proverbs 7:21-23)

## VII. Avoid showing a man anything or doing anything that is provocative. (Proverbs 6:25; 5:3)

## VIII. Any giving of our bodies physically outside of marriage is wrong. (Romans 13:14)

## IX. The Lord can cleanse us from sin. (1 John 1:9)

## X. How to avoid sexual sin.

A. The thought life is essential to our strength.

B. God has created us to serve.

C. Be alert.

D. As far as actions are concerned, resist beginnings and compromising situations.

E. Invite Jesus to come in and be Lord in a very personal way.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it so difficult to maintain holiness in relationships?

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2. What are healthy boundaries in dating relationships?

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3. How can we avoid sinning in relationships with the opposite sex? Explain.

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