



Keep His Purity

Main idea Making God our ultimate passion results to a life of purity.

Warm-up How do you deal with temptation?

introduction

Sexual temptation lurks our lives everyday. Temptation is evident in magazines, books, TV, movies, internet and even among the opposite sex. If we are not careful, we might fall into it.

“Drawn away” is used in hunting context of animals being lured into traps. Animals are trapped because the bait is inviting and the trap or hook is disguised. Instead of the anticipated pleasure of grabbing the bait, they experience the pain of capture and death.

Likewise, sexual temptation promises a tasty indulgence as it lures the victim into its deadly trap.

Now how do we deal with temptation? How do we keep our purity when temptation seems to be around us? What does the Bible say about living a pure and holy life?

Message

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.
Ephesians 5:3

The word of God says *there must not even a hint of sexual immorality...* A hint is a slight indication of existence. Even the slightest indication of sexual immorality is improper for God's people. God is pleased when we live a completely pure life.

But how do we keep ourselves pure in a world that glorifies impurity? The first step is to make God our ultimate passion in life. The Bible commands us to Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Second is to run away from the things that would make you fall.

[Sample illustration]

A couple of boys tried to walk through a corral when a bull saw them and began to charge. One of the boys said, “Let's stop and pray.” The other boy said, “No, let's run and pray!” They didn't need to resist the bull inside of the corral. They needed to run out of the area where they were vulnerable. That's what we need to do when we are being tempted. We need to flee from the temptation. (*Kent Crockett, The 911 Handbook, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2003, 35*)

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Challenge/inspiration

We can live a pure and holy life when we make God our ultimate passion and stay away from things that would make us fall.

Application Question

What have you learned from this lesson and how can you apply it this week?