

sermon notes

May 1, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Called | "A Plea for Purity" | 1 Thess 4:1-8

- 1) Sexual purity is _____ for your life (4:1-3)
- 2) Self-control is _____ of your relationship with God (4:4-5)
- 3) Sexual sin _____ human and divine wrath (4:6)
- 4) Sexual sin _____ the work of the Spirit (4:7-8)

How to Battle Sexual Sin:

1. Increase _____ among trusted friends
2. Establish effective _____
3. Wage war on wickedness in your _____
4. Don't ever stop _____ for _____

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. What's the connection between Paul's prayer in 3:12-13 and his instructions in 4:1-8? Why does God dedicate so much time in his Word to discussing sexual purity? What are some principles from 4:1-8 on this issue? How is God's plan for sex beautiful and at the same time liberating for the Christian?

What is the role of the indwelling Holy Spirit in our lives? How does the Holy Spirit help us (convict us!) to pursue a God-honoring sex life? What are the benefits of sexual purity (i.e. following God's design for sex and marriage)?

What are some long-range consequences of sexual sin? List 4-5 consequences that come from falling into sexual sin (Be specific). Consider the people that get hurt and the relationships that get damaged through this sin. What are some effective boundaries that you have used in your life to safeguard sexual purity?

GET PERSONAL

When and where do you feel most tempted sexually throughout the week? If married, do you know your spouse's triggers for sin? When are they most vulnerable to sexual temptation and how can you help them? How can marrieds and singles help each other in areas of sin?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Put together an "exit strategy" that will help you escape sin in a time of serious temptation (if married collaborate on this with your spouse). Do you have a regular accountability partner? If not, get one! What are some triggers in your life that can lead to sexual sin? What specifically needs to change in your life in order to achieve victory?

ADVANCED QUESTION #1

How would you respond to a Christian who said that pornography is not a sin, because it's not actually committing a sex-act? How would you respond to someone who says that pornography (or another form of sexual sin) isn't hurting anyone or affecting anyone other than oneself?

ADVANCED QUESTION #2

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for your life? The Bible speaks clearly about God's will for our lives, but it doesn't always address the specific categories or decisions we want. Look up the passages that deal with God's will (Rom 12:12; Eph 5:18; 1 Thess 4:3; 1 Tim 2:4; Heb 10:36; 1 Pet 2:13-17; 1 Pet 5:18). What can we confidently say is God's will for our lives? What can we confidently say is not God's will for our lives?