

PURSUING SEXUAL PURITY

Live with Integrity – Part 2

Ephesians 5:1-7

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True love (makes sacrifices) rather than asking others for sacrifices or compromises.

“You are God’s children whom he loves, so try to be like him. Live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a sweet-smelling sacrifice and offering to God.” – Ephesians 5:1-2 NCV

“Don’t be controlled by your body. Kill every desire for the wrong kind of sex.” – Colossians 3:5 CEV

Love chooses a different (set of standards) from the world.

“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

“All of you should honor marriage. You should keep the marriage bed pure. God will judge the person who commits adultery. He will judge everyone who commits sexual sins.” – Hebrews 13:4 NIRV

“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures....” – Galatians 5:19 NLT

“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders.... Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body” – 1 Cor. 6:9-10 & 18

Love seeks to avoid (gray areas) rather than to create them.

“God wants you to be holy and stay away from sexual sins. He wants each of you to learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable. Do not use your body for sexual sin like the people who do not know God. Also, do not wrong or cheat another Christian in this way. The Lord will punish people who do those things as we have already told you and warned you.” – 1 Thes. 4:3-6 NCV

“Don’t allow love to turn into lust, setting off a downhill slide into sexual promiscuity, filthy practices, or bullying greed. Though some tongues just

love the taste of gossip, those who follow Jesus have better uses for language than that. Don't talk dirty or silly. That kind of talk doesn't fit our style.” – Eph. 5:3-4 Msg

“You can be sure of this: No one will have a place in the kingdom of Christ and of God who sins sexually.... Do not let anyone fool you by telling you things that are not true, because these things will bring God's anger on those who disobey them. So have nothing to do with them.” – Eph. 5:4-7 NCV

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