

SEXUAL PURITY

The struggle that we encounter with immoral sexual thoughts and/or practices stems from the very fact that we are sinful by nature. There is victory, however, in the grace of God! Once sexual immorality is confronted and confessed, we can rely on the power of God for strength in the midst of temptation.

God calls us to accept recognize and accept responsibility for our wayward sexual tendencies...

Be decent and true in everything you do so that all can approve your behavior. Don't spend your time in wild parties and getting drunk or in adultery and lust or fighting or jealousy. But ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help you live as you should, and don't make plans to enjoy evil.

Romans 13:13-14 TLB

Don't you know that those doing such things have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who live immoral lives, who are idol worshipers, adulterers or homosexuals--will have no share in his Kingdom. Neither will thieves or greedy people, drunkards, slanderers, or robbers.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 TLB

Dear brothers, you are only visitors here. Since your real home is in heaven, I beg you to keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls. *1 Peter 2:11 TLB*

Honor your marriage and its vows, and be pure; for God will surely punish all those who are immoral or commit adultery. *Hebrews 13:4 TLB*

God calls us to confession...

Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. Don't toss me aside, banished forever from your presence. Don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. *Psalms 51:10-12 TLB*

O loving and kind God, have mercy. Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my transgressions. Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again. *Psalms 51:1-2 TLB*

A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.

Proverbs 28:13 TLB

Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results. *James 5:16 TLB*

But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. (And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.) *1 John 1:9 TLB*

God cleanses and strengthens us through His grace...

Now change your mind and attitude to God and turn to him so he can cleanse away your sins and send you wonderful times of refreshment from the presence of the Lord *Acts 3:19 TLB*

"Come, let's talk this over!" says the Lord; "no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you white as wool!" *Isaiah 1:18 TLB*

All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day until I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess them to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. *Psalms 32:4-5 TLB*

So overflowing is his kindness toward us that he took away all our sins through the blood of his Son, by whom we are saved; *Ephesians 1:7 TLB*

But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin. *1 John 1:7 TLB*