

## Purity in Our Ministry

*Proverbs 4:23*

**Principle #1: Purity is always wise; impurity is always unwise.** Matthew 7:24-27;

Rom.1:27; Deut. 30:19-20

*God argues for purity also as a smart choice. Prov. 5:20-23*

**Principle #2: You will not get away with an impure action (immorality).** Prov. 6:27-29; 7:21-27 *Sheer terror ought to turn us in the right direction. Prov.14:27*

*Yet sexual immorality among Christians has become almost the same as that of non-Christians. 1 Thess. 4:3-8*

**Principle #3: This sin is a life and death issue.** 1 Cor. 6:18

*Fire is only useful if it is contained. Prov. 6:27-29*

**Principle #4: We do not have the right to do what we want with our own body.**

1 Cor. 6:19-20

**Principle #5: It can happen to you.** 1 Cor. 10:13

*We must take proactive measures so we will not fail. Prov. 4:23*

1) Realize that lust comes from within. Matt. 15:19-20

2) Realize that lust is sin too! Matt. 5:27-28

3) Set boundaries in your life. Prov. 4:23; Titus 2:12; Job. 31:1  
*God's Spirit can empower you to form new habits.*

4) Have a goal and a strategy for resisting.

1 Cor. 6:18

Prov. 4:14-15

Gen. 39:10-12

5) Keep your distance from the edge. 2 Tim. 2:22

6) Prevent temptations by avoiding them. 1 Thess. 5:22

7) Cultivate the inner (spiritual) life. Phil. 3:20; Col. 3:1-5

8) Memorize and quote Scripture. Ephes. 6:17

9) Pray and do not faint. Luke 18:1

10) Get *radical* and do *whatever* it takes. Mark 9:43-48; Rom. 13:14

- *Do not normalize evil.*
- *Take control over your movie or video/DVD watching. (You can check for a true movie rating before watching. See: [www.screenit.com](http://www.screenit.com) or [www.capalert.com](http://www.capalert.com) for a graphic review of a movie's content.)*
- *Take control over your TV. Disconnect the cable.*
- *Take control over the internet. Or discontinue the internet access.*
- *Take control over the books and literature you read.*
- *Take control over magazines and catalogues in your home.*
- *Tell your wife about your struggles and enlist her help.*
- *Have a close friend you can enlist as an accountability partner.*
- *Count the awful cost of immorality upon your family and ministry.*

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