

THINKING CLEARLY ABOUT SEX

God wants you to be pure and to keep clear of all sexual sin... God has not called us to be dirty-minded and full of lust but to be holy and clean.

1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7 (LB)

HOW TO STAY PURE IN A SEX-SATURATED WORLD

1. MAKE a c_____ to God's Standard.

How can anyone keep his way pure? by living according to Your Word. Psalms 119:9 (NIV)

- God's Standard:
1. Sex is for pleasure between wife & husband 1 Cor 7:1-5
 2. It is for spiritual & emotional bonding Heb 13:4
 3. It is for procreation Genesis 1:28

2. MANAGE y_____ m_____

Be careful how you think, your life is shaped by your thoughts. Proverbs 4:23 (NCV)

I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. Psalm 101:3 (NLT)

Turn your back on lustful thoughts and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love, and peace. 2 Timothy 2:22 (Ph)

How Immorality Happens: thoughts . . . emotions . . . actions

1. Accepting sinful thoughts in my mind
2. Emotional, nonphysical involvement
3. Physical involvement
4. Rationalizing my actions

3. MINIMIZE the o_____ for s_____ M_____

Be careful. If you're thinking, Oh, I'd never behave like that - let this be a warning to you. For you, too, may fall into sin. 1 Corinthians 10:12 (LB)

Bad companions ruin good character. 1 Corinthians 15:33 (GN)

But among you there must not even be a hint of sexual immorality. Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)

4. MAGNIFY the c_____

Anyone who commits adultery doesn't have any sense. He is just destroying himself. Prov 6:32GN (Immorality) may cost you your life. Proverbs 6:26 (NCV)

God will judge the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4a (NIV)

THE PATH BACK TO PURITY

1. Repent Psalm 51:1-10
2. Receive Forgiveness Psalm 32:1-5
3. Refocus & Replace Romans 13:13, 14
4. Request Help Daily 1 Corinthians 10:13

Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And god is faithful ... When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)