

Pursuing Purity

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INTRODUCTION

Strengthening the Bonds:

KEY POINT: Personal purity provides parameters for healthy relationships

Parameters are necessary for healthy relationships – especially for those that guard the heart

TEXT: Ephesians 5:3-14

- **We are called to be a holy people**

Holiness moves in two directions – from something and toward another

Paul lists three things that defile:

Sexual immorality, Impurity and Greed

Our own desires have the potential to poison our soul and ruin relationships

- **A defiled heart is revealed in defiled speech**

- **The dangers of a defiled life**

Idolatry is at the heart of impurity: elevation of something above God, as more important than God

- **Impurity blind us to deception**

Impurity clouds our vision and impairs our judgment

- **Our partners impact our purity**

Relationships impact purity

PURSUING PURITY

1. **Live a life characterized by the Light (vs. 8-9)**

We are called to not only live in the light but to be light

2. **Practice discernment in our daily living (vs. 10-12)**

What would please God in this moment?

RESPONSE: To pursue personal purity in all areas of my life