

MORAL PURITY

Forgotten Virtues, Part 2

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

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Flee from sexual immorality.

1 Corinthians 6:18

- We all want the people we love to do this (spouses, kids, grandkids, brothers and sisters...)
- When we have to apply this to ourselves, it feels different because we don't want to flee (Q. Am I being a hypocrite?)
- Our culture encourages us to go right to the edge of disaster sexually, then mocks us if we fall.

Your adornment must not be merely external--braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

1 Peter 3:3

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

Proverbs 11:22

Women (should) be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

1 Timothy 2:9-10

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but those whoever sins sexually sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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Simple summary: *If it's dishonoring to God, don't do it with your body.*

Guardrails Against Immorality

1. Establish Guardrails That Help You Commit To God's _____.

2. Establish Guardrails That Minimize Your Opportunity To _____.

"So be careful if you're thinking '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)

Suggested guardrails for married people...

1. Don't travel alone with members of the opposite sex.
2. Don't eat alone with members of the opposite sex.
3. Don't confide in or counsel members of the opposite sex.
4. When you feel your heart or desire drifting towards a specific person, tell someone.

3. Establish Guardrails To Maintain Your _____.

Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:5 (NLT)

4. Establish Guardrails To Maintain Your _____.