**PURITY**

Discipleship– Part 6

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I. We have a **Responsibility**

**Ephesians 5:2-4 NLT**

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

· We are called to follow the **Example** of **Jesus.**

· God’s standard is Purity in **Thought,** **Speech** and **Behavior.**

· God’s standard is **Absolute.**

**Colossians 3:5-8 NLT**

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

**James 1:27 NLT**

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

**2 Corinthians 6:6 NLT**

We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love.

II. We have a **Reason**

**Ephesians 5:5-7 NLT**

You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don’t participate in the things these people do.

· Worldly Sorrow brings **Shame**

· Godly Sorrow brings **Conviction** and **Repentance.**

· We are called to be **Holy,**  because **God**  is **Holy.**

**Matthew 5:8 NLT**

God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

**Psalm 19:9 NLT**

Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.

**1 Peter 1:16 NLT**

For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

III. We have **Redemption**

**Ephesians 5:8-9 NLT**

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

· We are called to **Reflect** God’s Light into the **World.**

· Believers have been **Cleansed** by the blood of Jesus.

· We should focus our minds on things that are **Pure.**

**I Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT**

Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**Psalm 119:37 NLT**

Turn my eyes from worthless things and give me life through your word.

**Philippians 4:8 NLT**

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.