



# PILLAR 3

## PURITY

The concept of purity isn't a big hit at most ball games, and it doesn't come up a lot in boardrooms either. But where God is concerned, purity means the difference between being connected or disconnected from Him. It is the difference between living and walking in God's presence and power or walking alone and in our own limited strength.

*Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. **Psalm 24:3-5***

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## TAKING PURITY SERIOUSLY

- 1.1 | A legacy minded man must take purity seriously because it is one of the main areas that Satan will attack a man.
- 1.2 | When a person chooses an impure life, whether or not they understand it, then have chosen their sin instead of God.
- 1.3 | Clean hands and a pure heart are a recipe to connect with God on a regular basis.
- 1.4 | Clean hands represent what we touch and do in our lives.
- 1.5 | Our heart represents what we love and a clean heart loves purity.
- 1.6 | One of the ways we can look at God is our ultimate life coach who wants us to succeed in life and purity is part of the winning game plan.

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## EXERCISE

*What are 3 areas that could use a little cleaning up?*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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## HEART OR HAND SANITIZER NEEDED

- 2.1 | What's more important your next house or car OR God?
- 2.2 | Are you more passionate about sponsoring a missionary or tickets to a game?

2.3 | If anything is more important than God to you, it has become an idol.

2.4 | Our parents, and especially our father, are key in establishing purity as a personal priority.



## EXERCISE

What are 3 areas you wish you were taught better about as a child or teen?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

## PURITY INVOLVES MANY AREAS OF OUR LIFE

3.1 | The degree of honesty and telling the truth show how pure our hearts are.

3.2 | Humility is also an outward demonstration of purity, while arrogance demonstrates an unhealthy pride.

3.3 | Our words are also a great representation of how pure our hearts are.

*For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Matthew 12:34*

3.4 | Remember our actions become behaviors that often grow and become our legacy.

3.5 | We often choose things like lying, arrogance and impure actions to either get something we want or avoid things we are uncomfortable with.

3.6 | Establishing purity habits and mindset helps us at crucial times.



## EXERCISE

What are some non-negotiables you have established in your words and behaviors?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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### IMPURITY SEEMS RIGHT AT THE MOMENT

There is a way that appears to be right,  
but in the end it leads to death. **Proverbs 14:12**

4.1 | Everything we do seems right at the moment we do it!

4.2 | Impurity and taking wrong short cuts may look good at the time, but the long-term consequences can be terrible.

4.3 | Knowing God's Word helps us define what is right and wrong.

4.4 | Committing to living by God's Word always guides us to purity.

4.5 | Following the leading of the Holy Spirit will always point us to purity.



## PAUSE

What are some past words or actions you would change if you could get a "do over"?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRUTH IS NO LONGER MANDATORY IN OUR SOCIETY

5.1 | Telling the truth is key to building a great legacy!

5.2 | The days of a handshake and a man's word are very rare in today's world!

5.3 | We lie to avoid the pain of truth or to get our way without putting in the work.

5.4 | We learn to lie, but each lie puts us further down the wrong road.

*Let your eyes look straight ahead,  
And your eyelids look right before you.  
Ponder the path of your feet,  
And let all your ways be established.  
Do not turn to the right or the left;  
Remove your foot from evil.  
Proverbs 4:25-27*



## PAUSE

How has your life been damaged by lies you said or lies you were told?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

# THOUGHTSCRIPTUREDISCUSSION

## ADDITIONAL STUDY VERSES

- Matthew 5:8; 12:34;
- Luke 8:17;
- 1 Cor. 6:9-12; 7:9;
- Ephesians 4:30;
- Philippians 4:8;
- Colossians 3:5
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- 1 Timothy 5:22
- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Peter 2:11
- 1 John 1:7; 3:3

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## PURITY PROTECTORS

Purity is not only something to be established, it must be protected and maintained. 1 Peter 5:8 describes the devil as a lion prowling to see who he can devour. Purity is one type of protection from a possible attack. In times of stress, conflict and fatigue, it is very important to have supporters and encouragers in our lives and for us to lean on their support and encouragement.

### 1 FRIENDS

Who are 3 friends in your life that really know you and can ask you real questions?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER

An accountability partner is someone you have given permission to know your heart, thoughts and actions. Many men can't imagine having someone like this in their lives or are actually afraid of someone knowing them on this level. This means having someone you can be totally honest with. They are there to help fine tune things on a regular basis and also to step in if you are sliding in the wrong direction. They are not there to judge you but to help you be better. Some men are committed to a small group of men for accountability.

Who is your existing or possible accountability partner? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 WIFE

If you are married, long term relational and emotional intimacy is key to a healthy relationship. You should not have to hide anything from your wife. If there are things in your life that you cannot share with your wife, that's where other men need to help you get them out of your life! Your openness with her is also key to her openness with you.