



## Sexual Purity is joined to the Entirety of a Man's Calling

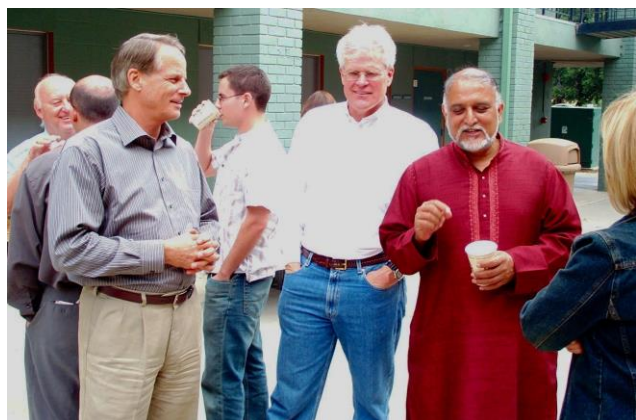
*As a disciple-maker, I continually meet with men in need of victory in the area of sexual purity.* What often escapes them is that purity is a 'puzzle piece' linked to every part of the Christian life. Five brief points below address how holistic our obedience is.

### I. The Man and his Master

*Abiding in Christ is living out our union with Christ (John 15:1-11).* When we abide in Christ, we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:14a; Gal 3:27). In putting on Christ we rely on Him again and again, in faith and confidence, in loyalty and obedience. To put on Christ is to live in Him as our sphere of existence and soul's prosperity. It is to love Christ, and to live for Him, clinging to Him and His gracious work as that which has delivered us from corruption. In drawing near to Him we find in Christ our identity, our victory, our purpose, and our life direction.

### II. The Man and his Munitions

*Know your resources in Christ in order to step out in obedience in your ministry (2 Pet 1:3-4).* As disciple-makers, we seek to connect believers to their gracious resources in Christ. Willingness to step out in obedience, risking spiritual leadership and influence, depends upon knowing the divine resources that are ours. We are to reckon that God's own glory and excellence formed every gospel promise (2 Pet 1:3-4). God has *harnessed* His infinite perfections and attributes and put them to work in our salvation.



*Working with Christian leaders at The Master's University.*



*Military men in Nepal with GFL's book of Christian theology.*

Gospel promises are therefore mighty because God's attributes stand behind them, and by these gospel promises true believers are assured that they have *escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust* (2 Pet 1:4).

### III. The Man and his Self-Mastery

*Mortify sexual impurity so that you might be useful to the Master (2 Tim 2:21).* Our sexual desire is to be redeemed and reclaimed for the glory of God. Purity is the prerequisite for spiritual leadership (2 Tim 2:19-21). Purity is the result of watching over one's heart with all diligence (Prov 4:23). The man of God takes strategic measures to build a 'perimeter' around his heart affections. The cross has severed him from the love of the world (Gal 6:14-15). Purity is the 'byproduct' of delighting in God (Ps 37:4), thus, enjoying God is the best way to beat a *bosom sin*. Purity is maintained and restored through repentance and mortification of sin (Ez 14:1-11; Col 3:5). Repentance restores our delighting in God. Purity is maintained by presenting God's truth to our affections through Scripture meditation (Ps 119:9-16).

### IV. The Man and his Mission

*Edify the brethren in order to promote the spiritual maturity of the body (Eph 4:15-16).* The role of the godly man is that of a perpetual "truth speaker." When the truth of God is backed up by a godly life, its proclamation heals, feeds, corrects, equips, preserves, and builds up—and it will be central in our conversations (Zech 8:16; Mal 3:16; Deut 6:4-9; 11:18 19; Eph 5:19; Col 3:15-16).

But, in order for a believer to excel at speaking the truth, he must first be accomplished at using the Sword of Truth on himself (1 Tim 4:14-16). The faithful believer ultimately can only preach with conviction what he has first preached to his own heart. He can call for repentance only where the truth has produced ongoing repentance in his own life. He can only communicate with passion the truth of God written on his own heart by the Spirit of God. Leaders are examples (1 Pet 5:1-3).

## V. The Man and his Marriage

**Embrace your spiritual headship in order to serve by leading your wife and family (Eph 5:28).** The perpetuation of God's blueprint for society depends upon the faithfulness of the men in two divinely ordained institutions: *the family* and *the local church*. When a father occupies his role as spiritual head, he is a *clear channel* for the glory of God. When a husband embraces his spiritual headship, he will avidly seek to communicate to his family the truth of God, and the character of Christ. Jesus epitomizes godly masculinity: He lived a life of self-denial. He taught fidelity to principle, delayed gratification, maximum servanthood, self-control, meekness, love for the brethren, righteous indignation, compassion, courage, Kingdom consciousness, willingness to suffer for righteousness sake, and even die for the truth.

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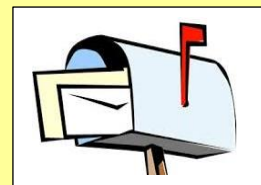
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