

Getting to the Heart of Purity

Matthew 5:17-20 Applied

Purity must start in the heart!

Getting to the **heart** of immorality requires dealing with **lust**.

How?

1. Live by the power of the Spirit.

Walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh... which are: Immorality, impurity, sensuality. Gal. 5:16-19
17 “fulfill” 18 “accomplish” 19 “these commandments”

Apply: To experience a new power for living,
I must receive a new source of life.

2. Learn who you are in Christ.

Focal points of new personal identity:

- You are holy - God's possession. 1 Peter 2:9
- You are the temple – God's dwelling. 1 Cor. 6:9-20
- You are the bride – God's beloved. Eph. 5:32 (context)
- You are the child – God's family. Gal. 4:6-7

Apply: You can not keep from doing what you are,
without lying to yourself and...

3. Invite the Spirit to examine your heart. Psalm 139

> search me > know me > test me > lead me

Apply: We live in either Psalm 139 or John 3:19 daily.

4. Recognize your vulnerability. Gal. 6:1, 1 Cor. 10:12

Apply: We don't prepare for a battle we don't expect.
We won't win a battle we don't prepare for.

5. Quit making excuses by believing lies.

1 Cor. 10:13; Phil. 4:13; 1 John 4:4; John 8:31-32

...temptation...is common to man...God provides... escape...

Apply: Look for the lie, but live the truth.
I'm never beyond the grasp of sin or the grip of grace.

Challenge: Embrace the purifying compulsion of pure passion!

Luke 10:26-28

NEW CREATION AFFIRMATIONS

My Identity in Jesus Christ

WHO I AM

Matt. 5:13-14	John 15	I Cor. 3:16
Gal. 4:6-7	Eph. 2:19	I Cor. 12
Rom. 8	Phil. 3:20	Col. 3:1-4
Col. 3:12	I Thess. 1:4	I Thess. 5:5
Heb. 3:1, 14	I Pet. 2:5-10	I Jn. 5:18

WHO GOD IS

Ex. 15:11	Ex. 34:6-7	Deut. 10:21
Deut. 32:4	II Sam. 7:22	I Kings 8:23
II Kings 19:15	I Chr 29:10-13	II Chr. 20:6
Heb. 9:5,6	Psalm 18:1-3	Psalm 34:8-9
Psalm 93:1-2	Isaiah 6:3	Jer. 10:6-7
Jer. 32:17-19	Dan. 2:20-22	Luke 1:49-50
Rom. 11:33	Rom. 16:25-27	II Cor. 1:3-4
Eph. 3:20-21	2Thess 2:16-17	I Tim. 1:17
I Tim. 6:15-16	Rev. 4 & 5	Rev. 15:3-4

WHAT GOD DOES

II Sam. 22:29-30	I Pet. 5:10-11	Jude 24-25
II Sam. 16:7	II Chrn. 16:9	Ezra 8:22
Psalm 27:1	Ps. 119:67, 71,75	
Isaiah 26:3	Isaiah 40	Isaiah 41:10
Matt. 11:28-30	John 4:14	John 6:37
John 8:12, 32	John 10:27-30	John 11:25-26
John 14:23	Rom. 5:1-2	Rom. 8:1-2
Rom. 8:26, 28	I Cor. 10:13	2 Cor. 5:9-10
2 Cor. 10:4-5	2 Cor. 4:6,7,16,18	
Eph. 2:8-10	II Tim. 1:7,12	James 1:17
Titus 3:4-7	I Jn. 3:1-2	Rev. 3:20-21