

Purity - Address the different areas of our lives where we have to guard ourselves in purity, and regularly return to God when we fall short. Get really practical with students in the different areas where God defines a pure life style, and provide students with examples of these. Help them to see the simple ways we can turn and make choices that allow us to be pure and keep God first in our lives.

“In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NLT)

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- Pure in heart:

- Example – Are students struggling to forgive someone? Is respecting their parents hard?

- Example verses –

- “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

- “Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.” - Psalm 51:10 (NLT)

- “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.” - Revelation 2:4-5 (ESV)

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- Pure in mind:

- Example – What are students watching, listening to, or reading? Who are they following on Tik Tok or Instagram that they probably need to unfollow?

- Examples of verses

- “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.” - Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

- “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” - Romans 12:2 (NLT)

■ “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” - Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

○ Pure in body:

■ Example –

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■ “You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is beneficial.” - 1 Corinthians 10:23 (NLT)

○ Pure in speech:

■ Example – How are students talking to their friends, their parents, their teachers? Do they struggle with gossip?

■ Example verses

■ “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” - Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

■ “A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.” - Luke 6:45 (NLT)

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○ Pure in relationships:

■ Example —Are students in a relationship that they don’t need to be in? Are they friends with the wrong people? What should those relationships look like?

■ Example verses –

■ “Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season —and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.” - Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

■ “Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?” - 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT)