



MORAL PURITY

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7, NIV)

3 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO IMMORALITY:

- 1. Imitation.
- 2. Isolation.
- 3. Insulation.

STEPS TO MAINTAIN MORAL PURITY:

1. I commit to God's standard.

(Psalm 119:9, NIV)

- 2. I manage my mind. (2 Timothy 2:22, NIV)
- 3. I monitor my media intake.

(Psalm 119:35-37, NIV)

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STEPS TO MAINTAIN MORAL PURITY:

- 4. I minimize the opportunity for temptation.
 - I recognize what tempts me.

(1 Corinthians 10:12, NIV)

• I choose my friends carefully.

(1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV)

- I establish protective guidelines. (Ephesians 5:3a, NIV)
- 5. I maintain my marriage. (Ecclesiastes 9:9, NIV)
- 6. I magnify the consequences of sin.

THE PATHWAY BACK TO PURITY:

- 1. I repent.
- 2. I <u>receive forgiveness</u>.
- 3. I come clean.
- 4. I refocus and replace.
- 5. I request help daily.