

Keys to a Successful Life
Maintaining Moral Purity

I. Introduction

- A. I Thessalonians 4:3, 7 (NLT) *³God wants you to be holy, so you should keep clear of all sexual sin. ⁷God has called us to be holy, not to live impure lives.*

II. How to Maintain Moral Purity

- A. Make a commitment to _____ of authority
1. Psalm 119:9 (NAS) *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.*
 2. "Am I going to make a commitment to _____ as my standard for living, or am I just going to make up my own standard?"
 3. God has set up certain boundaries in His Word about sex, not because He's trying to _____ you, but because He's trying to _____ you!
 4. Sex is a _____ act, and it has spiritual consequences!
- B. Take control of my _____
1. Proverbs 23:7 (NAS) *As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.*
 2. What you _____ about determines how you feel, and how you feel, determines the way you _____.
 3. How do affairs, or sexual sin happen?
 - a. _____ sinful thoughts into your mind
 - b. _____, non-physical involvement
 - c. _____ involvement
 - d. _____ your actions

4. II Timothy 2:22a (NLT) *Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust.*

- C. Carefully _____ my _____ intake

1. Proverbs 15:14 (NLT) *A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash.*
2. _____ is always _____!

- D. _____ the opportunities for _____

1. _____ what tempts me
 - a. I Corinthians 10:12 (NLT) *If you think you are standing strong, be careful, for you, too, may fall into the same sin.*
2. Choose your _____ carefully
 - a. I Corinthians 15:33 (NAS) *Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."*
3. Establish some _____ guidelines
 - a. Ephesians 5:3 (NAS) *Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.*
 - b. I Thessalonians 5:22 (NAS) *"Avoid every appearance of evil!"*
4. You can live a morally pure life in an impure world! But, it's going to take _____ on your part!

III. Conclusion