

## Titus 2:5 – “(To Be) Pure...”

“pure” or “chaste” defined – *Webster’s Dictionary* “innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse, modest, clean”

*Unger’s Bible Dictionary* “freedom from impure thoughts, imaginations or desires”

Wives don’t have to worry about purity in terms of their relationship with their husband. It is impossible for a married couple to lust after one another. It is not lust but physical attraction between husband and wife. Visual stimulation, which was sin when single, is now a ministry to your husband.

### I. What, then, is purity for a married woman?

**I Peter 3:1,2** - *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

Submitting to our husbands is an aspect of purity for us, used as a powerful influence in his spiritual life.

#### A. Sexual purity

Commitment to a monogamous relationship with your husband for life.

**Hebrews 13:4** – *Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

**I Thessalonians 4:3** – *For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality.*

#### B. Purity in thought and speech

**Philippians 4:8** – *Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.*

**II Corinthians 11:3** – *But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.*

**Ephesians 5:3** – *But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;*

**Philippians 2:14,15** – *Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.*

What things do you put in your mind? What do you read/look at/watch on internet or tv/listen to? Are you a participant in gossip?

C. Purity in Behavior - Separating from sin

**I Peter 2:24** – healed from the power of sin

**I John 1:9** – cleansed, forgiven

**Psalms 32:5** – guilt forgiven

**I Peter 2:11** – *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.*

“urge” – “to call to one side”(Grk), as in “I want you to step aside for a moment; stop and think”

“as aliens and exiles” – “resident alien”(Grk) As believers, we are not at home in the world. Our actions, words, behavior are different.

**Philippians 3:20** – *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

“to abstain” – “hold oneself back, restrain”(Grk) We can’t do what “feels” right or rely on our emotions to guide us. They will lead us astray. We have to hold ourselves back from doing wrong—to not even begin the process. We don’t even go near to sin. Sin is a series of choices. We can choose not to even start down that road. Cultivating emotional intimacy with a man other than your husband is a dangerous choice. Don’t go on “dates” with other men (one-on-one meetings).

**I Thessalonians 5:22**- *..abstain from every form of evil.*

“which wage war” – pictures the enemy encamped around the city. He is ready to attack at any time. He is committed to a long fight and to doing what is necessary to win.

God is committed to us and to our purity. He will fight for us. He has given us the weapons we need for this battle. He is committed to our victory.

**Psalm 119:9,11** – *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word...Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.*

**Hebrews 4:12** – *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

God's Word is the measuring tape for evaluating ourselves in terms of how we line up to His standard. It is able to judge not only what we do but what we intend to do. It helps us evaluate our behavior, our relationships, our entertainment and our speech—all of the things which can feed fleshly desires instead of our spiritual natures. For our spiritual health we have to read it, study it, meditate it, let it permeate our thinking and our decisions.

#### **Victory Verses**

**Jeremiah 32:17,27**

**Deuteronomy 32:4**

**Psalm 18:29**

**Psalm 18:35,36**