

## “Personal Purity”

*Does it really matter?*

Acts 5:11-16

Somehow there is a lie out there. If we live separated and pure lives for our Lord Jesus, we will not be able to have friends, enjoy life, or be viewed as desirable people. There could be nothing further from the truth.

Personal Purity matters if we want Pure: Unity, Service, & Attraction.

### I. **Pure Unity** (verses 11-13)

*Unity requires:*

- A. **F**ear– (verse 11)“great fear came upon all the church”
  - ”fear” –
    - + awe, respect, comfort for believers
    - + afraid, trembling, for unbelievers
- B. **F**aith – (verse 12)“by the hands of the apostles”
  - \*\*Compare with: 3:6;
  - Hands move when hearts move
  - Focus on Jesus and His Glory
- C. **F**ellowship –(verse 13) “durst no man join himself to them”
  - Serious consideration to joining – not a light hearted thing but deathly serious
  - Special Regard given to them – even when not joining, deep seated respect for them

### II. **Pure Service** (verses 14-15)

*Ministry that is:*

- A. **F**ocused on the Lord Jesus – “added to Whom?” not to Peter but to the Lord – to His Glory and Worship

**Notice the focus of the apostles service - in Acts 3:6, 4:10; 4:29-30; 4:33**

- B. **F**acilitated by New faith – “they brought forth..” >> follows what was said in verse 14.
  - >>> New believers doing what they can do. How Great is that !
  - Having a part in others Good deeds.
  - It is time we become Spiritual Mentors and Sponsors.

We need new converts around to get the old crusty believers out of a rut.  
>>> Illustration – Pete and Corey – music, witness, energy to serve

- C. **F**ruitful because Faithful – “at least the shadow...may overshadow them.”
  - We may not be able to do everything but we can do something.

- We will be judged by our faithfulness –  
What we can do not what we can't do.
- Can't never did anything

**\*\* *The shadow of Peter represents the reality of spiritual need over physical need as the shadow of his ministry replaced the Sun with the Son.***

It creates :

### III. **Pure Attraction** (verse 16)

*We will attract the:*

- A. P**lenty – a multitude, if we minister to people out of a pure life and heart there will always be plenty of people around
- B. P**erimeter – “round about” – people on the fringe and fence, wondering if we are for real
- C. P**itiful - “sick folks” they deserve our pity but also our piety
- D. P**ossessed - “vexed with unclean spirits”