

BRINGING HOLY BACK

:: INTRODUCTION ::

HOLINESS IS A **SET APART VALUE** THAT PRODUCES A **SET APART VISUAL** WHICH PORTRAYS A BETTER WAY TO LIVE.

:: POSITION ::

PART 2 [PURITY]

PURE :: "Clean"

TITUS 2:11-14 + JAMES 4:8-10

PURITY IS LIVING **FREE FROM**
THE **DEBRIS OF IDOLATRY**.

I THESSALONIANS 4:3-7

:: OBSERVATIONS ::

THE BATHWATER - A TRADITIONAL VIEW

"Purity culture' is the term often used for the evangelical movement that attempts to promote a biblical view of purity (1 Thess. 4:3-8) by discouraging dating and promoting virginity before marriage, often through the use of tools such as purity pledges, symbols such as purity rings, and events such as purity balls."
- Joe Carter (TGC) -

[Positives]

Developed Attention [1 Cor. 6:18-20]

Developed Guidelines [Jam. 4:17]

[Problems]

Hands > Hearts [Matt. 23:25-27]

Narrowed > Nuanced [Matt. 5:28, Jam. 2:10]

Excuses > Explanations [Rom. 12:1-2, Gal. 2:20]

Promise > Practice [S.O.S. 2:3]

THE BACKSPLASH - A PROGRESSIVE VIEW

"In purity culture, gender expectations are based on a strict, stereotype-based binary. Men are expected to be strong, "masculine" leaders of the household, church, and (to a lesser extent) society. Women are expected to support them—to be pretty, 'feminine,' sweet, supportive wives and mothers. Sexual expectations vary by gender. Everyone is expected to maintain absolute sexlessness before marriage (that means no sexual thoughts, feelings, or actions). And upon marriage, they are expected to flip their sexuality on like a light switch. However, men are taught their minds are evil, whereas women are taught their bodies are evil. That is to say, men's thoughts and actions are said to be either pure or impure, while women themselves are said to be either pure or impure."
- Linda Kay Klein -

[Positives]

Defended Grace [Rom. 2:4, 11 Cor. 5:21]

Defended Women [Gal. 3:28, Lk. 24:1-9]

[Problems]

Roles = Discriminating, Not Designating [Gen. 2:18, Eph. 5:23-24]

Rebukes = Shaming, Not Shepherding [11 Tim. 4:2-5, Gal. 4:16, 6:1]

THE BABY - A BIBLICAL VIEW

i.e. - "See Above" + Biblical Sex

[Principles]

Purity Is The Result, Not The Reason [Jn. 10:10, Rom. 6:15-18, 20-21, 14:15-16, 25-27]

Sex Is The Good, Not The Goal [Prov. 5:17-19, 1 Cor. 7:6-7, 32-35]

[Patterns]

Communication [Deut. 6:5-9, Eph. 6:4, Prov. 5:3]

Boundaries [1 Cor. 6:12-13, Rom. 13:14, Matt. 18:7-9]

Accountability [Prov. 10:9, Jam. 5:13-16]



"Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate, and my future children to a lifetime of purity including sexual abstinence from this day until the day I enter biblical marriage relationship"

- T.L.W. Commitment -

*"Even apart from our stopping short of God's standards, we find another reason for the prevalence of sexual sin among men: **we got there naturally**— simply by being male."*

"Yet our maleness is a major root of sexual sin. So what do we do?"

*We must choose to be more than male. **We must choose manhood.**"*

- Stephen Arterburn + Fred Stoeker (Every Man's Battle) -

"Imagine what it is like when two sexually pure people get married. He has guarded his heart and bounced his eyes, and she is the only naked woman he has ever seen. Can you imagine how hot she would be to him? And she has never been held so intimately that she knows the smell of any man's skin but his. She has no one to compare his gentle touch and caress to. Can you imagine how hot he would be to her? They can have guilt-free sex however many times in whatever way they want until they die. Now that is what God wants sex to be. No comparison. No disappointment. No guilt or shame. Only good, clean fun between husband and wife."

- Shannon Ethridge + Stephen Arterburn (Every Young Woman's Battle) -

*"I eventually learned to embrace different ways of interpreting the Bible that considered and centered the viewpoint of women...I sought out churches that let women minister and lead **without depending on male models of leadership**, and I called out injustices when I saw them, by trusting my God-given body and **believing what it felt**, instead of trying to transcend it to escape ugly realities."*

- Angie Hong (The Atlantic) -

"The human sexual response cycle, sexual desire, activities, satisfaction, and physical and mental responses in men and women are different. Men usually feel sexual satisfaction during sexual activity and are more prone to physical attraction, whereas women are more affected by the environment and emotions related to the sexual partner or sexual fantasy in terms of sexual satisfaction. Men generally respond to visual sexual stimuli, such as attractive nude or erotic pictures, or erotic films. Women respond differently to the same sexual stimuli. Some women feel repulsed by muscular, erotic male photos, and some are sexually attracted by emotional or lingual stimulation. In other words, men are more sexually aroused by visual stimuli, but women are more sexually aroused by concrete, auditory, olfactory, touch and emotionally relevant sexual stimulation."

- W.S. Chung, S.M. Ling, J.H. Yoo, H. Noon (Your Sexual Medicine Journal) -

"There are many reasons why Christian purity culture was harmful to those who grew up in it, but let's start with shame, in particular shame on young women. We were taught that any sexual activity or thoughts were for marriage only and that we should be ashamed if we had them before we said:

*'I Do.' We were not taught the normality of sexuality nor how to handle human sexual impulses, desires, and thoughts. **All were considered wrong and shameful**, therefore many of us were shamed into purity, not choosing it based on **personal conviction**."*

- Hannah Stoltenberg (Medium) -



Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts [INWARD VS. OUTWARD], you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

I Thessalonians 4:3-7

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

I Corinthians 6:18-20

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

Matthew 23:25-27

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too. What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity.

Matthew 5:28

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.



Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Song Of Solomon 2:3

Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

Romans 2:4

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

II Corinthians 5:21

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Luke 24:1-9

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." Then they remembered that he had said this. So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened.

Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Ephesians 5:23-24

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits



to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.”

II Timothy 4:2-5

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Galatians 4:16, 6:1

Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Romans 6:15-18, 20-21

Well then, since God’s grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom.

John 14:15, 25-27

If you love me, you will
keep my commandments.

I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

Proverbs 5:18-19

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

I Corinthians 7:6-7, 32-35

I say this as a concession, not as a command. But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.



I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him. But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit.

But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband.

I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children [DANA'S TABLE]. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

I Corinthians 6:12-13

You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything. You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them). But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They are made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies.

Matthew 18:7-9

Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.

Proverbs 10:9

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

James 5:13-16

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

