

# How to Stay Pure in a Seductive World



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*This world, which God, so tenderly, created, has been quickly sinking back into many a horrible sin. Such things as drugs, alcohol, adultery, and fornication are ideas that are being highly encouraged in this world. However, there are those that try to oppose sin and live righteously. There are those that try to stay strong and faithful. These people are the Christian men of today. As children of God, they believe that these popular activities are a sin and, therefore, are not to be adhered to...*

No matter what the officials say, the Christian men of today must understand that these are times that try men's souls. The men of today can no longer accept the garbage that is being tossed at them by the TV, paper advertising systems, or, even, school systems. This world may be seductive, but **the men of today can stay pure!**

The word pure means: "Not bad or evil; morally good; innocent."  
(Webster's American Dictionary, 1999)

The main point here is innocence, innocence in mind and body. The Word of God says: *"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 in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins..."* (I Thessalonians 4:3-6). The Bible also says, *"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery (or fornication) with her in his heart"* (Matthew 5:28).

To stay innocent (pure), according to Scripture, a man must not commit any sexual immorality (adultery, fornication) and he must not lust in any way.

In staying pure and strong, there are a few things that should be part of every man's daily life:

1. A Quiet Time
2. An Accountability Partner
3. Fellowship with other Believers.

These are all tools to help strengthen believers. In exercising these three things, men **will** grow strong.

In a Quiet Time, a man will pray, worship, and read the Word of God. Praying keeps the man in constant communication with his Lord. Praise helps him get closer to God. And reading the Word gives him strength, wisdom, and a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. A deeper understanding of Scripture will give insight on how to deal with everyday problems, including lust and sexual immorality. And having a close relationship with God will help the man to be able to hear the Lord and listen to him. If one loves and listens to the Lord, he's going to hear **something**.

Having an accountability partner gives someone, who is going through hard times, a person to lean on, talk to, and rely on to hold him accountable for sin. It creates a bond between the two men and the men look out for each other. It's just another defense against the schemes of the enemy, satan.

Fellowship is another defense. Hanging around people helps one to be like them. If one hangs around upright believers, he will learn to be like them. He will have a better understanding, through the people's good example, of how to act. It keeps him strong.

Now, whether the temptation comes through the TV, magazines, or physical places, one can always avoid these places and things. Jesus said that, *"If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell"* (Matthew 5:29).

The same goes for the TV, magazines, and places: if something causes one to sin, he should stay away from it. If he has to go to them, he should pray. He must use his defenses, but he shouldn't try to jump into a battle or he may lose. He must stay wary and fight when he needs to.

Staying pure is a battle, a battle that all men must fight. One must use his defenses, his allies, and God, his Master-In-Commander. God wants his people to stay pure and faithful, no matter what happens. In I Corinthians 10:13, Paul writes, *"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."*

According to Scripture, God's men have the strength and the ability to withstand temptation. No matter how hard it may seem, there is always a way out. Whether temptation is actual sex, or just lustful thinking, God's men can stay pure!

