

Sermon Notes:

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Sermon Title: Focusing on Purity

Verses: The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:19-23

Notes:

"...WHATEVER YOU DO KEEP YOURSELF PURE."

Self-control = temperance, mastery over improper self-gratification, discipline.

It's living life with a laser-like focus on staying clean.

Prudish? No, prudent!

11 Peter 1:5-6

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control;

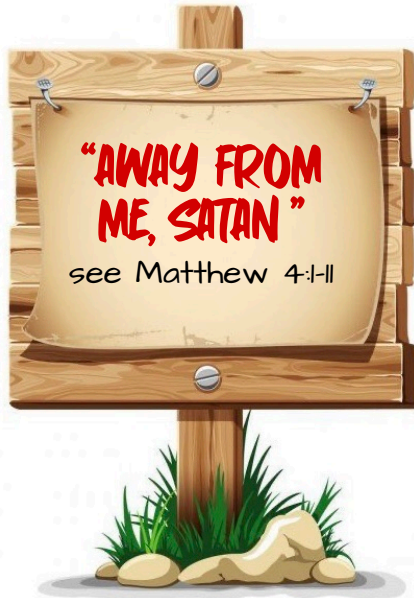
THIS TAKES HOLY-SPIRIT ENABLED FOCUS.



What a great way to keep clean. Focus your trust in the Lord with all your heart. He is the great example of what it means to live a pure life in the midst of a dirty world.



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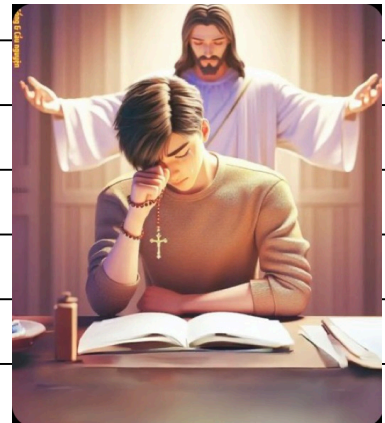
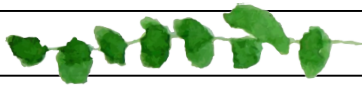
Jesus is our Friend, tempted in every way, just as we are. Yet he was without sin - Hebrews 4:15. The good news is he has empathy for us, especially when we struggle with sin.



KEEP SHORT ACCOUNTS WITH GOD!

1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.



Here's what gives us the right to say AWAY FROM ME, SATAN!!! My focus is on Jesus, purity himself!!!!
Titus 2:11-14



Oh! to be like Thee, oh! to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

-Thomas O. Chisholm