

PURITY | Week 1

- We are launching a new sermon series this week called purity
- Can anyone tell me what purity means?
 - o Freedom from Contamination
 - o Freedom from immorality
- This would be Bree's dream
 - o Not that everything would always be clean but its free from all contamination that means you don't have to clean because it never gets contaminated.
 - o Its free from that contamination
- Many times, we don't think like that.
 - o We think how to get something clean not how to keep it from getting contaminated.
 - o We want freedom from sin and the chains of sin **Romans 6:6**
- Over the next couple weeks, we are going to work through a few things and look at this idea of
 - o Purity of Relationships
 - o Purity of Manhood
 - o Purity of Womanhood
- Purity of Relationships is this week. My goal this week is to walk through some good principles that we can take away from scripture and apply to the dating type of relationship. So, it will be a bit of rapid fire this this week.
 - o How many of you are dating, have dated, or plan on dating in the future? So, this will apply to you.
- **Patience**
 - o Proverbs 31:10 says "An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels."
 - What's the point it takes time to get to know someone many times we like to rush into a relationship and feel like we always have to have someone. You don't.
 - o In 1 Timothy 3 it makes 2 comments about a man being a one-woman kind of man. So are we striving after that in our dating/talking relationships it seems like for some people every week people are talking to someone different. How does that reflect this principle? Be friends with a lot of people but don't be known as a player
 - o Even in our culture people lose respect for the people that are constantly talking with someone new all the time.
- **Identity**
 - o Many times, it comes down to an identity issue and you need to focus on the relationship with Christ.
 - o People don't like to admit that it's an identity in Christ issue. Because this is how they feel loved

- You're a Child of God John 1:12 "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name he gave the right to be children of God"
- When we get our identity from a relationship and not from God, we put our stock in that relationship and not in Christ.
 - If we are pursuing purity, we must have our individual relationship founded in Christ.
- **Look at patterns not potential**
 - When entering a relationship, you must look at patterns in people's lives not the potential that someone possesses.
 - We begin to hope for the best and that someone will change but patterns are hard to change, and we need to make sure that we are doing are best to not be yoked with someone that patterns of chasing after Jesus are not where we want to be.
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14 tells us to not be unequally yoked
 - Amos 3:3
 - Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction? NLT
 - Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? NIV
 - Do two walk together unless they have agreed to meet? ESV
 - What this is getting at is if you're walking through life, you're going to do it together and there must be a common ground. You are not going to both be able to do your own thing you will have to go at it together.
- **Don't awaken love before its time**
 - Song of Solomon 2:7 3:5 8:4 says not to awaken love until its time. A modern way of saying it is
- These are just a few things that if we are seeking purity in our relationship we must start with these things.
- So, what can I do?
 - Seek Godly council Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed
- Get you and Jesus in a good place
- Don't rush into titles. If God wants it to happen, he will honor your patience and prayer
- Learn to be content in your singleness