

## Youth Bible Study Lesson 20

Memory verse I Thess. 4:4

We have come to the last area in which Paul instructs Timothy to be an example of the believer, "in purity".

The word purity is used only one other place in scripture. I Tim. 5:2 "The elder women as mothers; the younger women as \_\_\_\_\_, with all \_\_\_\_\_."

There are other forms of the word such as pure and pureness that are used in the Bible.

As believers we are a purified people. It was not our behavior that secured this standing for us but rather the Lord Jesus Christ. Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and \_\_\_\_\_ unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

This glorious position is a result of Christ giving himself for us. Christ's death on the cross redeemed us from all iniquity! We once were the children of \_\_\_\_\_ according to Eph. 2:2. And we were \_\_\_\_\_ according to Eph. 5:8. And we were deserving of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Col. 3:6. But that has all changed. Christ's sacrifice for us bought (redeemed) us out of that position never to return to it again!

Eph. 1:4 "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_ before him in love:"

We are to be an example of the believer in purity. We stand before God free from defilement. This is our glorious position. We are to be an example of purity. The pattern for the believer in purity is found in I Thess. 4:4 "That everyone of you should know how to possess his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

Sanctification – set apart unto God. Honor – praise and service. Believers are to know how to possess (keep) their body set apart unto the Lord for His glory. Our bodies are vehicles that can bring honor or dishonor to the Lord.

II Tim. 2:20, 21 "But in a great house there are not only vessels of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, but also of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_; and some to \_\_\_\_\_, and some to \_\_\_\_\_." Vs. 21 "If a man therefore \_\_\_\_\_ himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the master's use, and prepared unto every \_\_\_\_\_."

How sad to see believers who have allowed the corruption of unsound doctrine or carnality to bring dishonor to the Lord. Grace calls us to accountability. It holds us responsible. Not in the same condemning way that the Law did but in the only "reasonable service" response to the mercies of God that God beseeches of us (Rom. 12:1, 2)

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Just as gold is purged to separate out the impurities, we need to purge (separate) out the things that are dishonoring to the Lord. Grace teaches us and empowers us to do this! Something the law could not do. In God's economy of grace He uses His \_\_\_\_\_ to wash, cleanse us according to Eph. 5:26.

I recently heard a well known Christian quadriplegic on the "Larry King Show" tell millions of viewers that God put her in a wheel chair to "get her priorities straight". She also credited God with the 9/11 tragedy as "a wake up call". Is God involved in these types of events to call His people to purity?? God will one day come in II Thess. 1:8 "\_\_\_\_\_ taking \_\_\_\_\_ on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." Over and over again we read God's declaration to us that live in the Age of Grace of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ( Rom. 1:7, I Cor. 1:3, Gal. 1:3, Eph. 1:2, Phil. 1:2, Col. 1:2, I Thess. 1:1, II Thess. 1:2) to a lost world today. And to believers, God's cleansing program is the cross, Col. 1:13 "In whom we have \_\_\_\_\_ through his \_\_\_\_\_, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins:" Living in the reality of this comes from the cleansing ability of the Word of God. God uses His word to bring His children to perfection in their experience. II Tim. 3:16, 17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for instruction in righteousness: vs. 17 That the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, throughly furnished unto all \_\_\_\_\_."

When I think of examples of purity, I'm reminded of Daniel. Read Daniel 1:1-8. Vs. 8 "But Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_ that he would not \_\_\_\_\_ himself..." I also think of Joseph in Gen. 39:1-12. Joseph, under great temptation does not defile himself. In verse 9 Joseph says "...how then can I do this great \_\_\_\_\_, and sin against \_\_\_\_\_?" Doesn't this bring Rom. 6:1, 2 to mind? "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in \_\_\_\_\_, that grace may abound? Vs. 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, \_\_\_\_\_ any longer \_\_\_\_\_?" God calls the believer to the reality of his new position. This 6th chapter of Romans is the answer to knowing how to possess our vessel.

When Joseph was faced with the opportunity to defile himself, what did he do? Gen. 39:12 "he \_\_\_\_\_". This brings to mind something Paul tells Timothy. II Tim. 2:22 "\_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_:"

I Tim. 6:11 "But thou, O man of God, \_\_\_\_\_ these things..."

I Cor. 6:18 "\_\_\_\_\_..."

I Cor. 10:14 "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_."

Just as the deer runs in desperate flight to save it's life from the jaws of the tiger, we need to flee from the things that would wreck havoc in our spiritual lives. How many believers have been shipwrecked by sin because they hung around it. Usually by letting thoughts occupy our mind that we should dismiss immediately.

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Paul uses the word purity the second time in I Tim. 5:2. Purity is used in

conjunction with Timothy's respect towards women.

Fornication is at the top of many of God's lists of sins.

Col. 3:5 "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth;  
\_\_\_\_\_..."

Gal. 5:19 "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_..."

Eph. 5:3 "But \_\_\_\_\_..."

I Thess. 4:3 "...that ye should abstain from \_\_\_\_\_:"

The sin of fornication has probably wrought more dishonor and caused more ruin in the lives of believers than any other. God's desire for his children is that we live in the reality of who He has made us. Righteous living is not just for the sweet by and by.

Eph. 5:8 "For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_:"

Are we exhorting the believer in purity to those around us? This is the will of God concerning you!

Next week we will be on vacation. If you have any questions or suggestions for our next study, please email us. Looking forward to hearing from you.

## Lesson 20 Comments and Answers

Col. 1:13 should be 1:14

Sisters	forgiveness	walk
Purity	reproof	children
Purify	correction	light
Disobedience	perfect	
Darkness	good	
Wrath	works	
Holy	purposed	
Blame	heart	
Vessel	defile	
Sanctification	wickedness	
Honor	God	
Gold	sin	
Silver	dead	
Wood	live	
Earth	therein	
Honor	fled	
Dishonor	flee	
Purge	youthful	
Sanctified	lusts	
Meet	flee	
good	flee	
Work	fornication	
Word	flee	
Flaming	idolatry	
Fire	fornication	

Vengeance adultery  
Grace fornication  
Peace fornication  
Redemption fornication  
Blood light

I hope that our study of I Tim. 4:12 has been an encouragement to you in your Christian life. We have the privilege and responsibility to be an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till He comes, keep maintaining the course and keep growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.