

CrossWalk NOTES

God's Top Ten

PURE

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"You shall not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14, NIV)

²²*Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. (1 Timothy 5:22, NIV)*

"We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other." ~ Martin Luther's explanation of the 6th Commandment

⁴*Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (Hebrews 13:4, NIV)*

²³*For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, ²⁴keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. ²⁵Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, ²⁶for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. ²⁷Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? (Proverbs 6:23-27, NIV)*

1. God wants me to _____ the gift of my sexuality.

Sexuality is a _____ from God. As such it is not just a _____ act, but a _____ act as well.

¹⁸*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20, NIV)*

2. God wants me to _____ the spiritual nature of my sexuality.

³*It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.*

⁸*Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, NIV)*

⁵*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. (Colossians 3:5-6, NIV)*

2. God wants me to _____ the power of my sexuality.

²⁴*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24, NIV)*

²*But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. ³The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. ⁵Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1 Corinthians 7:2-5, NIV)*

⁶*How beautiful you are and how pleasing, O love, with your delights! (Song of Songs 7:6, NIV)*

3. God wants me to _____ the use of my sexuality within his boundaries.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Examine my heart: What lustful thoughts do I need to take care of? Sins of action begin with sins of the heart.
- Seek God's forgiveness with confidence. My sins are forgiven in Jesus! Now, what do I want to change as I live in God's grace?
- Meditate on and memorize Exodus 20:14.