

Keeping Our Homes Pure in an Impure World

I. Introduction to a Pure Home

↳ No generation of boys, girls, men or women has ever faced the level of toxic saturation in a culture as the one we are facing today.

A. The benefits of keeping our home pure

↳ The opportunity to produce children who are truly pure and holy children.

📖 *James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

📖 *1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers...in purity.*

📖 *1 Samuel 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people....*

📖 *Psalm 24:3-4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

↳ The opportunity to save them, potentially, from a *lifetime* of lust and regret

📖 *Proverbs 22:6,8 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. ...⁸ He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.*

📖 *Ecclesiastes 7:26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.*

↳ The opportunity to possibly save their future marriage

- ◆ Today, we are looking at the perfect storm: High levels of toxic stimulation in our culture; and low levels of spiritual functioning.

B. Our biblical marching orders

 *1 Thessalonians 4:3–7 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: ⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; ⁵ Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: ⁶ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

 *2 Peter 3:13-14 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. ¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

 *1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

II. The Knowledge Needed for a Pure Home

A. The vital influence of a parent

 Producing a _____ (Mal. 2:15)

 *Malachi 2:15a And did not He make one? ... And wherefore one? That He might seek a godly seed...*

B. The vital training that must be provided by the parent

 We were all born into a _____, and our children need all the help they can get in this area.

C. The challenges that must be faced

1. A _____ world

2. A _____ world

3. The possibility of becoming addicted at a young age

 We have to make sure our children are ready for the battle.

D. The incredible danger of Internet_____.

1. The danger explained

✧ “[P]ornography consumption is a mood-altering, belief-changing, relationship-damaging, addiction forming, socially harmful, spiritually-deadening, and life-crippling practice; It’s not just a habit or a behavior, it becomes a way of being and looking at the world around them. And I do not believe that it can be engaged in responsibly, or without risk to one’s self or others. That risk may not be immediate, but at somewhere down that line of consumption, there are risks” - Dr. Jill Manning, *What's the Big Deal About Pornography: A Guide for the Internet Generation*.

↪ Two levels of wickedness:_____ &_____.

2. The destruction of porn usage

↪ Affects loved ones

↪ Impairs brain functioning

↪ Perverts desires

↪ Changes perspective on everyday things

↪ Devastates the spouse/marriage

↪ Hinders revival work in our hearts and churches

↪ It corrupts the _____

📖 *1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*

III. Vital Approaches to Keep a Pure Home

A. Two broad areas to focus on in your home:

1. _____ 2. _____

1. Dealing with technology in the family

📖 *Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

📖 *Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed [including technology use], do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

2. Teaching “sexual truth” to your family

- ↪ Theme: *We must train our children in biblical sexuality. We must become comfortable with teaching biblical sexual truth. We will deal with this later, and give suggested resources.*
- ↪ Our kids will be facing sexual temptation we can never have imagined (Traci Lester)
- ↪ We want them armed with much knowledge about *biblical* sexuality.
- ↪ If we do not *purposefully engage* them about those things that will help them avoid the great minefields of temptation & stay pure, we have probably missed opportunities to talk to them about purity, God’s design and *how to avoid* what they are going to face.
- ↪ If they hear *little* about biblical sexuality from me, this means they will probably only hear a distorted message from society.

B. Personal requirements for keeping your home pure

1. Your own genuine walk with the Lord

📖 *2 Timothy 2:19,22 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity...²² Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

2. Desperate Dependence on the Lord!

↪ I am *fully*_____to do the job that I need to do as a parent

3. A sharp eye for pop-culture and new technology influences

📖 *Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

📖 *Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh [and in my child’s],) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

4. A willingness to make “hard_____” to set up proper safeguards and protect those you love

5. A willingness to sacrifice the time& money to keep your family/marriage safe.

IV. The 3 Parental Dynamics to Keep a Pure Home (the strategy & action steps)

A. Prevention of Evil

1. Watch for private and isolated situations in your home.
2. Get Filters and monitoring software installed. **“Get filters; guard your family.”**
Period. End of story
3. Roman Num. V will deal with more specifics

B. Heart- Connection

↳ The heart is where the battle is and you must be connected to them there

↳ How to get them connected to you

1. Investing time
2. Talking (a lot)
3. Really listening
4. _____
5. Appropriate affection
6. Never disciplining without talking and praying afterwards
7. Avoiding all anger

📖 *Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

C. Instruction in Biblical Sexual Truth

1. This instruction is _____-sensitive.
 - ↳ Studies show that, “Before age 10, children usually are not sexually active or preoccupied with sexual thoughts, but they are curious...” (Dr.Cleo McNeely)
 - ↳ Our bodies awaken sexual around 11 (Juli Slattery)
 - ↳ The best time to lay the foundation is before age 12 (Traci Lester)
 - ↳ Fantasy for boys begins around 13 or 14 (Dr. Doug Weiss)

↳ The earlier you start, the easier it will be. (Although, it is never too late to start)

2. This is the time to be _____

↳ Remember, build a bridge; it may one day be needed to go over and save their life

3. There is a way to do it (Note: this is the most practical part of this session):

↳ Reading and discussing a book (resources listed below)

↳ 30 minutes or so of casually discussing the adolescent, character and “growing up” topics that are discussed in the books

↳ Also, during Family Devotions, talk to the kids at times about their bodies, purity, same-sex attraction, etc. You’ll talk about “purity” first; later “sexuality”.

V. The “Rules” of a Pure Home (How to prevent Satan from hi-jacking your Home)

A. The _____ role in the home

1. Dad, you need to take charge of this matter
2. *They need to see you hug and kiss their Mom and them, say “I love you,” etc.*
3. Tuck-in or sit with your kids every night before they go to bed, and share a verse or something you’re thankful for and pray briefly with them.
4. There is no room for *passive parenting*

B. Dealing with Sexual influences in the home

📖 *Psalm 101:2-3, 7... I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. ³ I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me....He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.*

1. Internet-equipped devices - You need a filter and monitoring/accountability software

↳ Use Clean Internet.com and Accountable 2 You

↳ Randy Alcorn, author of *The Purity Principle*: **“If you have a junior high boy who has...access to a computer in the privacy of his own room, you may as well just buy hundreds and hundreds of pornographic magazines, stack them up in his closet, and say, ‘Hey, don’t look at those, okay?’”**

2. _____

↳ “70% of all TV programs contain sexual content” (Dr. Diane Levin)

↳ “2/3 of young people 8-18 have TV’s in their bedrooms and 2/3 live in homes with cable TV”. “Typical teens, who watch 3-5 hours a day, see a minimum of 2,000 sexual acts per year.”(Levin)

↳ The biblical goal: Psalm 6:8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity....

📖 *Psalm 141:4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.*

↳ Hollywood, the entertainment and advertising industries have absolutely no scruples about providing your child sensual material if it fits their script. It will be this medium that will give many children a “taste” of the sexuality that will begin to take root in their lives.

3. Cell Phones

📖 *Romans 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.*

4. Apps on phones

↳ To monitor apps use Mobicip, Boomerang [useboomerang.com]

↳ Consider Gryphon router (gryphonconnect.com)

↳ Also see Protectyoungeyes.com for extensive help

5. Friends

6. Triggering situations/places

VI. Conclusion

- * Reminder: This is a war and so we must act like it.

 *Nehemiah 4:14, 20 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.
...In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.*

↪ Fight for your family!

↪ Because God is on your side, the battle to keep your home pure in an impure world is absolutely winnable!

 *Psalm 138:8 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.*

↪ The most important thing is to do *something now*, rather than nothing. Have a talk when you get home with the family. It's *best* to start early, but regardless, it's never too late to do something.

↪ Above all, keep your eyes on the Lord. There is no reason to fear. He will be with you and help you with decisions you need to make to protect your home.

 *Psalm 37:40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.*

VII. Resource List (see next page)