Pure Conduct



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Think about why you like certain foods. Is it because they look good? A chef once remarked that Americans eat with their eyes, so he prepares all his meals to be visually appealing. Advertising agencies also know the importance of visually appealing ads.

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Chastity is defined as "freedom from impure thoughts, imaginations, or desires." Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 and Hebrews 10:24-25 and complete the following statements to gain a practical, biblical understanding of chastity.

(Verse 3) Chastity avoids
(Verse 4) Chastity involves controlling
(Verse 5) Chastity excludes
(Verse 6) Chastity would never

Biblical Insight

The Bible gives us principles to enable us to resist peer

The principle of prior choice. In Joshua 24:15, we are challenged to choose whom we will serve. We must decide our position on important issues before we are confronted with a choice. Having decided on an appropriate response beforehand makes it easier to remain obedient.

The principle of confidence. We can simply and with confidence say, "No, thank you," rather than attempting to justify our excuses or explain our convictions.

> The principle of conviction. Convictions come from a knowledge of what is right, not from personal preference. God's Word builds convictions within us.

The principle of escape. Most often, the only way to face a temptation is to flee it.

The principle of faithfulness. We must prac-tice obedience even in the little things. Repeated failure in smaller things weakens our ability to resist when faced with major temptation.

The principle of fellowship. Paul warned that we should not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33). We need frequent fellowship with other Christians who are striving to live a holy life.

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Sexual impurity is the end of a shameful process that begins with loss of spiritual sensitivity. Read Ephesians 4:19 and discuss each step of the process of degradation.

Insensitivity

Sensuality

Impurity

Uncontrollable lust

E	valuation

What will you do now to insure pure conduct?						

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Lesson 71

A: Answers will vary. Boys should come to conclusion that everything around them has been designed to be visually appealing.

C: Chastity avoids sexual immorality in all its forms, including digital.

Chastity involves controlling one's own body honorably.

Chastity excludes passionate lust like the heathen.

Chastity would never take advantage of another.

D: Insensitivity Callousness, ceasing to feel or have moral restraint

Sensuality Gratification of physical senses or the indulgence of appetite; deficiency

in moral, spiritual, or intellectual interests; worldliness

Impurity Unchastity, lewdness, obscenity, uncleanness, filthiness, foulness, dirtiness

Uncontrollable lust Insatiable sexual desire especially of a violent, self-indulgent character

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