



Just One More

Week 4: Compromise in Purity

What we want students to learn: Compromising your purity starts long before you begin dating.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: Understand that purity is a fight, and begin taking the steps to win that fight.

Large Group Message Focus: 2 Samuel 11

Scripture Focus: 1 Timothy 4:12

The Main Point

The main point tonight is to help the students understand where purity is rooted, and how we can stay pure. To do this, we have to find out where purity begins: in our hearts and minds. We can monitor this by controlling what we take in. Students have so many temptations thrown their way daily, but they can overcome them with a strong foundation and the right people surrounding them.

While tonight may certainly have a natural bent towards sexual purity, ultimately we are talking about purity in general. Ultimately, we are called to have a pure mind and pure heart.

INTRODUCTION

- **If one of your friends needed heart surgery, could you do it? Why or why not?**

We could not perform this task because we would not have never seen this surgery done, we do not have the knowledge needed for it, and we are not prepared. In order to perform this surgery, you would have to have done all of those things, this is much like our purity. In order to win the fight for purity, we need to prepare for the fight. We can prepare for the fight by creating boundaries, increasing our awareness about what we put into our minds, and having a support system around us to encourage us in our fight.

PRAY that your students would open their hearts and ears to hear what God's intention for their purity is.

LESSON

- **What do you think the word purity means?**
 - *One source put it this way, "In the New Testament, there is little emphasis on ritual purity. Rather, the focus is on moral purity or purification: sexual purity, innocence in one's attitude toward members of the church and moral purity. Purity is associated with understanding, patience and kindness speech, life, love, and faith; and reverence."*
 - *Purity goes much deeper than sexual purity. Purity is a way we can live our lives.*

Purity begins beforehand. It is a commitment students have to make before they are faced with the decision. Tonight your students either have learned or are going to learn about a man named David. David's compromise in purity did not start with the affair, but in what he looked at. This is similar to our students today, faced with temptation at the swipe of a phone screen. Have your students read 2 Samuel 11:1-5 to see where David's fight for purity started.

- **Where did David's compromise in purity start?**
 - *It started with what he looked at.*
 - **How does what we watch on TV, see on social media, and who you spend your time with affect your purity?**
 - **What happens when we make small compromises in our purity?**
 - *It creates a snowball effect. This was not just a leap, but a series of steps. One small compromise leads to another small compromise, then one more, and then you look up confused as to how you went down this path.*
 - **Why do you think God wants us to fight for purity?**
 - *God's isn't for us to just not do something. He isn't trying to take the fun out of life. Rather, God wants what is best for us, and knows his plan for purity, whether sexual purity or just purity in general, are actually the best plans for us.*
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LIFE APPLICATION

Purity is a fight that we must continue fighting daily. The enemy wants you to make small compromises because small compromises lead to big decisions.

- **What does it mean to fight for purity with your eyes?**
 - *This is what we allow our eyes to see. This includes TV shows, movies, and social media. Compromising in the fight with your eyes will start the snowball effect of compromises.*
- **What does it mean to fight for purity with your mind?**
 - *This is talking about where you let your thoughts wander to. The thoughts in our heads often become our actions, so we have to take our thoughts captive.*
- **What are some ways you can begin fighting this fight tonight?**
 - *What we put in is what comes out; so we need to monitor what we are putting in. We can also do this by making a plan: such as setting up boundaries for our relationships. If we already have boundaries set in place, we will be prepared for any situation.*

Remind your students that the fight for purity is a fight they want to make every day. Even still, remind them that if their compromises have lead them into mistakes already, they have a God who has already forgiven them and loves them so deeply.

- **Why it is important to make boundaries even if you have already compromised in purity?**
 - *God has already forgiven us and does not want us to fall further into the hurt that comes with compromise.*
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TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray specifically for the group to understand how important it is to monitor what they are taking in. Pray that they would receive the forgiveness of God in them if they have already made compromises. Pray that they would begin fighting this incredibly important fight tonight.

After prayer, be sure to remind them about MVMT and answer any questions they have.