

FAST Lesson 1C:

Real Men Don't Just Go Along With the World – A New Purity

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- I. Think of things that you could call “pure” in this world (pure gold, pure water). Why are they pure? (Not mixed, clean, not polluted, clear and vivid, complete).
- II. Are most men pure? Do they want to be pure? Unfortunately, our earthly nature is often drawn to sexual sins, unclean acts, and bad habits.
- III. Real men really work at living a clean life. We lack the power to fully accomplish purity ourselves, but we help each other along the way by establishing boundaries, and we are empowered to resist temptations by the spirit of the living God within us. We see beyond temptations to the evil beneath, and look to God for the strength to say “no” and to take a stand for what is right.
- IV. The key seems to be wrapped up in how we think about things, and how we prepare ourselves to resist evil. Our “attitude adjustment” begins with the knowledge that purity is a big deal – God calls us to be pure.

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things...Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed... You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must **rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips**. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” (Colossians 3:2-10)

“Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.”
(Proverbs 20:11)

“The LORD detests the thoughts of the wicked, but those of the pure are pleasing to him.”
(Proverbs 15:26)

“Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.”
(Psalm 24:3-4)

“Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and **do not share in the sins of others**. Keep yourself pure.” (1 Timothy 5:22)