"Choosing to be Sexually Pure"

I Corinthians 6:9-20

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***Genuine Christians have every good reason to be sexually pure!**

Eight reasons why you should abstain from sexual immorality:

I. Sexual sin is a <u>CHARACTERISTIC</u> of those headed for <u>HELL</u> (v. 9-10)

II. Sexual sin is <u>INCONSISTENT</u> with your <u>NEW LIFE</u> in Christ (v. 11)

III. Sexual sin is <u>HARMFUL</u> to yourself and others (v. 12)

IV. Sexual sin <u>PERVERTS</u> the <u>TRUE PURPOSE</u> for your body (v. 13-14)

V. Sexual sin <u>DEFILES</u> the <u>ONENESS</u> the Lord has with you (v. 15-17)

VI. Sexual sin <u>SINS</u> against your own <u>BODY</u> (v. 18)

VII. Sexual sin <u>DESECRATES</u> the <u>TEMPLE</u> in which God's Spirit dwells (v. 19)

VIII. Sexual sin <u>DENIES</u> the Lord's <u>OWNERSHIP</u> and <u>RIGHTS</u> to your body (v. 19b-20)

What disciplines should be incorporated into one's life to avoid such sexual sin?

1) <u>Turn off</u> the sexual sewage drain
(Avoid sexually explicit TV, video, magazines, music; Don't go to certain beaches; Avoid the stores which sell pornography)
Job 31:1 - "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?"
Ps. 119:37 - "Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way."

2) Don't be <u>idle</u>; be busy serving Christ
II Tim. 2:22 - "Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

3) Realize that women are not sex objects but people with an eternal soul who need Christ
It is vain to lust after external flesh. Ask God to help you to view people through God's eyes.

4) Read God's Word every day to purify your mind
Memorize Scripture which address the subject of sexual purity.
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