

Message #5 – Jesus is Lord of my MORALITY and SEXUAL PURITY

Review:

“Lordship” = Jesus’ total control of every area of my life.

Carol, include the picture.

Morality Reality Check: We live in a very morally challenged culture where it is very difficult to be pure and holy. Christ followers must make choices to live holy lives and be separate from the contamination of the world.

Three-fold Sources of Moral Contamination (*These forces are working against our purity.*):

- The **WORLD**
- The **FLESH**
- The **DEVIL**

“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.” – 2 Corinthians 7:1

Practical Question: How to live pure in an immoral world?

- #1 – Realize that culture is not **MORALLY** neutral – it is **DESTRUCTIVE!**
- #2 – Realize that there are **CONSEQUENCES** for immorality!
- #3 – Realize that God’s standard of morality is **DIFFERENT** than the world’s!
- #4 – Realize that we do not get our standards from the **WORLD** but from **GOD!**
- #5 – Realize that our standard of morality is the **HOLINESS OF CHRIST!**
- #6 – Realize that we are held **ACCOUNTABLE** for the **CHOICES** we make!
- #7 – Realize that it is **POSSIBLE** to live a pure and holy life!
- #8 – Realize that it will take on-going **INTENTIONAL** choices to live in victory!
- #9 – Realize that you can be **FORGIVEN** for what you have done before!
- #10 – Realize that we can begin **TODAY** living differently!

Make a decision today in regard to your choice as it relates to moral purity!

- **FIGHT** for it!
- **FLEE** from it!
- **FORGIVE** because of it!

“Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.” – 1 John 4:4

Morality and Sexual Purity Passages

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Ephesians 5:3-7 (NIV)

³But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be partners with them.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NIV)

³It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.