

# STAYING PURE IN A WORLD GONE WILD

## A PLEA FOR MORALITY

1 CORINTHIANS 6:15–20; 2 CORINTHIANS 12:20–21; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1–7



### The Heart of the Matter

Sexual promiscuity is neither new nor novel. It is as old as humanity, always promising more than it can deliver. More palatable words have replaced the obsolete and ugly ones. *Adultery* is now an *affair*. *Cheating* and *wife-swapping* are now merely *playing around*. Inviting terms cause the ugliness of illicit sex to be veiled in mystery, fascination, and excitement. What was once spoken of in closely guarded terms is now a bestseller, a torrid scene on the film screen, a television soap opera, table talk among teens, and late-night talk show jokes. Sex sells. Sex gets ratings. Sex is big business. Our culture is approaching total saturation. To speak of sexual purity in a society like ours may seem futile, but it is essential. Listen closely. This could mean your survival.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. An Ancient Scene with a Relevant Ring

The allure for the forbidden has been a part of humanity since the fall, and even godly men like King David can succumb to it in an instant. It happened to him back then, and it can happen to you today.

#### 2. Some Scriptural Insights with Practical Warnings (Selected Scriptures)

A scriptural tour of the non-glamorous side of illicit sex is not a pleasant experience, but it's one we need to take. You can get prepared by reading 1 Thessalonians 4:1–7, 1 Corinthians 6:15–20, and 2 Corinthians 12:20–21.



### Starting Your Journey

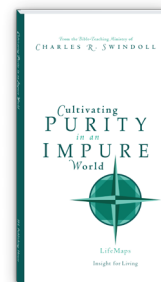
To protect yourself from the harmful damage of immorality, you might apply the ABCD solution. **A**cknowledge any impurity in your life. **B**reak all connections to that impurity. **C**ommunicate your need to trusted friends of the same sex. **D**etermine to abstain from immorality.



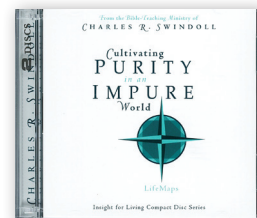
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