STATE OF THE HEART

More than just looking at the physical and biological aspects of sexuality, this Bible study guide has emphasized and has attempted to draw a holistic picture of sexuality as intended by God, the Creator. Because sexuality encompasses the body, mind, spirit, intellect, emotion, and nearly every other aspect of human identity, one violation of sexuality impacts the whole being. Therefore, purity is not only a virtue to have, but the harmonious state of all these aspects working together as God intended. Philippians 4:8 points to a mindset that incorporates the intellectual, the ethical, the emotional, the moral, and the spiritual. This verse admonishes all to have this mindset of purity which encompasses all, including sexuality.

Using the prophetic imagery of a woman as the church (cf. SS. 6:10; Jer. 6:2), Revelation describes a people, regardless of age, throughout history, who would have this purity. Chapter 12 describes this woman as clothed with the pure light of heaven—she represents the true church before (Rev. 12:5) and after the earthy ministry of Christ (Rev. 12:6).

In the highly sexualized world we live in, we are bound to have been exposed to all sorts of impurities out there, from the micro to the mega. How does one retrieve a sense of purity despite a violation, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual? How can Jesus help us live the pure life that 1 John 3:3 speaks of? These are the topics for this week’s study.
Write out 1 Corinthians 6:9–20 from the Bible translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in 1 Corinthians 6:9–20. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How do we know when to fight or to flee temptation (cf. James 4:7)?

How can the principles of Joseph’s integrity be applied to your situation today?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/sex13-3
After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Why are we often so invulnerable with God in our prayers when He is so vulnerable with us?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Matthew 5:8
Philippians 4:8
Psalm 119:9, 11, 37
1 Thessalonians 4:3–8
1 John 1:9
Luke 11:34, 35
1 Timothy 4:12

What other parables come to mind in connection with purity?

How is Jesus Creator, High Priest, Victor, and Author of purity in your life?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

Meditate on 1 Corinthians 6:9–20 again and look for where Jesus is.

Read more at www.inversebible.org/sex13-6
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this entire lesson's study, what are applications you are convicted of for your personal time?

What are applications you are convicted of in your social life?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/sex13-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

How could your life change for the better by being more consciously aware of the Lord being with you?

Why does the world want to limit sexuality simply to the physical?

What about fleeing is considered cowardice or weak that we fail to do it in the face of temptation?

What are the long-term ramifications of sexual immorality?

How do YOLO and FOMO play into sexual purity and abstinence?

Why is the discourse on sexual purity imbalanced toward females?

What are other pragmatic applications to uphold purity?

How does meditating upon Christ’s victory over temptation inspire you?