

**“Say No To Purity (Or 8 Ways To Fight For It If You’re So Inclined) \* May 3, 2009 \* 1 Cor.6:12-20**

ROP Session 3: *RU Prepared To Live In Purity In An Impure World?*

*I. Why have a whole session on the subject of purity?*

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*II. Why is purity such a struggle?*

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*Why is this?*

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**8 Things To Remember To Win The Fight For Purity**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vs.12a)

“Everything is permissible for me’ – but not everything is beneficial.”

A. *What benefits does purity offer?*

1. A clean \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A clean \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A clean \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A clean \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vs.12b)

“Everything is permissible for me’ – but I will not be mastered by anything.”

A. *If I don’t fight for purity, what will happen to me?*

I will become \_\_\_\_\_ to terrible habits I will not be able to control.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vs.13a)

“Food for the stomach and the stomach for food’ – but God will destroy them both.”

A. *What does ‘bema’ mean?*

B. *What kind of behaviors will bring about judgment?*

C. *How is it possible for God’s judgment to pass over me?*

4. The \_\_\_\_\_-For-The-\_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (13b)

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord.”

A. *Some think a human is like a candy bar. Meaning what?*

B. *But really we’re more like a \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*Meaning what?*

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vs.14)

“By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.”

A. *What does this mean?*

In this life, we’re like \_\_\_\_\_. But  
once  
we get to the other side we’ll be like \_\_\_\_\_.

B. *If this is true, then what’s the purpose for this life?*

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vss.15-17)

“Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body. For it is said, ‘The two will become one flesh.’”

A. *What happens when two humans engage in a sexual act?*

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vss.18-19)

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you?”

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8. The \_\_\_\_\_ Factor. (Vs.20)

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*1. The **Benefit** Factor. (Vs.12a)*

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*A. What benefits does purity offer?*

1. A clean **conscience**.
2. A clean **body**.
3. A clean **mind**.
4. A clean **spirit**.

*2. The **Bondage** Factor. (Vs.12b)*

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I will become **enslaved** to terrible habits I will not be able to control.

*3. The **Bema** Factor. (Vs.13a)*

“Food for the stomach and the stomach for food’ – but God will destroy them both.”

*A. What does ‘bema’ mean?*

It’s a Greek word that refers to a ‘judgment seat’. The ‘bema factor’ is a reminder that we will one day stand before God and be judged for how we lived our lives.

*B. What kind of behaviors will bring about judgment?*

**1 Cor.6:9-10 – “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders, nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”**

*C. How is it possible for God’s judgment to pass over me?*

**If you are with Christ today, you’ve given him your life, you’ve run into his arms, then Jesus is your covering and God’s judgment will pass right over you. It’s like you’re on a hike, and you’re in the middle of a vast field, and suddenly a thunderstorms rolls in and lightning starts crashing down around you. But then you see at the end of the field a little abandoned barn – what do you do? You run for it with all your might, because you don’t want to be uncovered in a thunderstorm. And you do not want to be uncovered on the day you approach God’s judgment seat. You’d best run into Jesus’ arms, and let him be your shelter.**

*4. The **BodyFor-The-Lord** Factor. (13b)*

*“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord.”*

*A. Some think a human is like a candy bar. Meaning what?*

**The part that matters is what’s inside. The outside can be thrown away. And so they don’t exercise. They don’t eat right. They don’t take Sabbath days and rest. Or worse. They start smoking. Drinking. Cutting. Sniffing. Experimenting with meth or Ecstasy or the latest designer drug. But when Paul says the body is for the Lord and the Lord is for the body he’s saying that our bodies are good.**

B. *But really we're more like a **digital camera**.*

*Meaning what?*

**What's the most important part of a digital camera? You might say it's the memory card inside the camera where the pictures are stored. The camera can be ruined by as long as the card is safe, you're good. But...the camera determines what goes on the disc. The camera determines how we see the world. The camera shows what we think is important in the world. The card inside will end up showing everyone how we used our camera. And the spirit inside of you, the soul, that part of you that will live on once your body dies, that part of you that will go on and stand before God's bema-seat, your spirit will show God and everyone else how you used your body. And so if you do a lot of impure things with your body, that pollution is going to seep down inside of you and get recorded on your soul.**

5. *The **Butterfly** Factor. (Vs.14)*

"By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also."

*A. What does this mean?*

In this life, we're like **caterpillars**. But once we get to the other side we'll be like **butterflies**.

*B. If this is true, then what's the purpose for this life?*

**The real purpose for this life is to prepare ourselves for the next life. The caterpillar pretty much spends all of his time munching on leaves, giving its body the energy it will need once it goes into the chrysalis stage so that it can make it to the other side. And once it starts busting out of the chrysalis, the young butterfly needs all that energy to struggle and push and work hard to get free, that way its body is strong enough to take flight. The caterpillar who pretends that the larvae stage is all there is, and lives that way, and takes it easy in life, not munching on as many leaves as he should, and does whatever he feels like doing, and doesn't learn discipline, isn't going to make it through.**

6. *The **Bonding** Factor. (Vss.15-17)*

"Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body. For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.'"

*A. What happens when two humans engage in a sexual act?*

**When a human being engages in a sexual act with another human being, there is actually a linkage, an emotional and spiritual thread that joins those two people together at the level of their souls. You can't see it. You can't find it with a microscope. But it's there, you can count on it. It's like the threads sent out by a silk worm. The Bible says that sex makes you "one" with that other person. When you are finally married to your one and only, and there you are in bed with them, at the level of your mind and your soul, there are going to be all these other people in bed with you at the same time. Meanwhile, little parts of you are out there somewhere in other people's beds, and in other people's heads.**

7. *The **Building** Factor. (Vss.18-19)*

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you?"

*A. What does this mean?*

**It's remembering that if you're a Christian, then your body is all the more special because God is living inside of you through his Holy Spirit.**

8. *The **Bought** Factor. (Vs.20)*

"You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

*A. What does this mean?*

Jesus did nothing wrong in his life. He never sinned. He was perfect. He owed nothing for his own sin because he had no sin. He could have skipped town and said I'm outta here. I don't have to deal with you. You've blown it. You reap what you sow, baby. You get what you deserve. You made your bed, you lie in it. He could have said that. But do you know what he did instead? He said, "You know what. I'll pay the price that you owe for all your sinning. I'll foot that bill. I'll take your punishment on me. I'll be your substitute. I'll take the judgment and hell that you deserve on myself. And if you accept what I do for you, then you can be forgiven. My blood for yours."