

## Sexual integrity

**Wishing you a powerful, intimate relationship with the Resurrected Jesus!**

It has been on my heart to frankly discuss some very sensitive issues which are not openly spoken. Is it possible for a young man or woman, to live with sexual integrity/purity? This is a very frequently asked question but very rarely answered. I don't claim to give all the answers but can direct you to the Answer Book. The time we are living in serves sin on a platter. Some years back one has to secretly go to a hidden place, to watch a bad movie or to get vulgar literature. But today it is thrust royally into your face. The hottest pornographic sites are just a click away or worse even advertisements double up as porn nowadays. So where will you run and hide and how do one cope with such constant slamming of vulgarity on all sides?

Jesus Christ, as straight as ever tells, "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (And vice versa) Matt 5, 28. According to Jesus even an unclean thought amounts to adultery. Is it possible to live a pure life with such standards? Yes, yes it should be so, since Jesus said that and He would only ask of us what we can do. Everyday as I wake up the first prayer of my life for many years has been this, "Lord this day save me from the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life." (I John 2, 16) I personally believe that it is only hiding the Word of God (Psalm 119, 11) in your heart can save us all from the onslaught of sin.

You know why I wanted to write on this, because I know many of you have unlimited access (24/7) to the computer and in this world of fading boundaries you may even think watching porn is not a sin. But go back, go back to what Jesus said, sexual integrity and purity should start from your mind, your thoughts. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. You cannot have one room for "personal viewing" (i.e. watching porn) and one room to honour God. You are only deceiving yourselves. The very first day, I had the internet connection, I asked the Lord for grace not to go in to dubious sites and also decided never to click that site. I personally know it is not my calling to go to a porn website and pray for the souls of those artists. I know I can do that

without accessing that site. And so never give such stupid foolish justifications for navigating such sites.

Let us get back to Daniel. Daniel is such a handsome young man, fully thrown into a totally licentious (sex-crazy) life of Babylon. Here there are no parents to check his ways, no priest/pastor to watch over his life. He can eat at the king's table, have fun. Every sin of the world, was wagging its tail on his doorstep. But DANIEL PURPOSED IN HIS HEART NOT TO DEFILE HIMSELF.(1,8). It was a conscious, sober decision he made and also he acted by denying the pleasure of the palate (food) in other words, flesh. He knew how and where to draw a line. In a foreign country or a hostel, away from the eyes of your parents and well wishers, always remember God's eyes are watching you. Write this verse in BIG letters and hang before your eyes. Remember God has a plan and a purpose for you. You cannot simply serve God, and at the same time live in hidden sin. You may invoke the wrath of God. Let us face it. Watching pornography is sin, sex outside marriage is sin, abusing your body with addictions is sin(addiction also includes obsessive shopping, serial watching etc). Pornography includes not just exclusive websites, but also anything that provokes you. Be it a movie, V channel, Mtv or a music album,, you sure should know. There is no lighter, milder word for sin. A sin is a sin is a sin. And God hates sin.

And the good news is we all have hope. The resurrected hope of Jesus Christ! Isn't that truly wonderful! Jesus crushed the sting of sin and we are freed from the bondage of sin. All we need to know is to go up to Calvary, lay all our addictions, disappointments, depressions at the Cross and clothe the glory of eternal life. It is in laying down your sin at the feet of the Cross , could you be delivered from its sting. You cannot struggle with your sin yourself. Allow the Spirit of God to face the foe(your addictive sin). "BUT IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD DWELLS IN YOU, HE WHO RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES THROUGH HIS SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN YOU. Romans 8, 11.

Come, come to the Cross, and put your burdens down. Appropriate the greatest transaction ever made on earth. Glory in exchange for your abominable sin. All because of the Cross standing between. Come you can only receive, come and be released, be free and soar like eagles with the Spirit of God.

Dear Father we confess we can never defeat our sin, though many times we try so hard. Lord give us the grace to lay it all at the feet of Jesus declaring, we are weak and not able. Deliver us Lord, Free us from all our bondages. May the Spirit's power of resurrection and the blood of Christ make us new again and may we go from holiness to holiness. In Jesus precious name Amen.