

The Purity Test Genesis 39:7–12 (Robert Morris)

1. Impurity begins in the eyes. Lust is empowered by looking - it's an appetite of the fleshly nature. Discuss this in terms of, easy access to pornography today. (Matthew 5:28, Psalm 101:3 and Matthew 6:22–23).
2. Transgression is outward movement. Iniquity is the inward motivation and is handed down through generations (Deuteronomy 5:9). This means that lust in our heart affects our family even we you never "act" on it. Discuss
3. David fell sexually in 2 Sam 11 and his children fell in 2 Sam 13 – he could not see the attack against his children because of the blindness in his own life. What sort of blind spots can we have in these areas?
4. Satan tells us that as long as we don't physically do it, things are OK. What are appropriate boundaries? What about emotional (soul) ties?
5. "What we do in moderation, the next generation does in excess" Do you agree?
6. Today people say 'If we love each other and are going to get married anyway, what difference does a piece of paper make? How would you answer that question?
7. When God tells us not to do something, it's not that he doesn't want us to have fun, it's because he doesn't want our lives to be destroyed. Can you share examples of people you know whose families and lives were ruined because of indiscretion.
8. Potiphar's wife repeatedly tried to seduce Joseph. He refused every time, saying that he would be sinning against God if he gave in (Genesis 39:7–12). Keeping ourselves pure is an issue of character. How can we safe guard ourselves in this area?
9. Read James 1:14–16 and 1 John 1:5–6. How and why are sexual immorality and deception so closely related to one another? How does sexual immorality in our lives teach us to resist, or to push away, the Holy Spirit?
10. If you're married, why is it critical to "struggle together"? Why can this feel so difficult? How can we encourage openness with one another?
11. If you've fallen, you can be restored by confessing and repenting of your sin and returning to God's ways. But there may still be consequences. What are these likely to be?
12. Thank God that He has provided us with everything we need to pass the purity test. Thank Him for the power of the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and light. Thank Him that He is more than enough for us.