

Forgotten Virtues (Purity)

WHY IS IMPURITY IN MARRIAGE INCREASING?

- More temptation today than in the past.
- People are getting married later.
- Growing sense of entitlement.

OUTWARD PURITY: THE BEHAVIOR

- Ephesians 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity...
- Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house. Proverbs 5:8
- 1 Corinthians 6:18, 19-20 Flee from sexual immorality...19 You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

INWARD PURITY: THE HEART

- Psalm 119:9-11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- Matthew 5:28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

THREE RESPONSES TO IMPURITY

- Defensiveness
- Remorse
- Repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.