

Purity Part 6
Getting Radical
Matt 5:27-30

I have some cookies here when I was making them a few mouse droppings fell in the batter. But I am sure for the most part they are good because the mouse droppings would have cooked out.

Suppose I said let's go down the street and watch the neighbor girl through her window.
Or let's hide in the bushes at the local make out park and watch people have sex in their cars until the windows steam up

You would be shocked – You'd think "what a pervert"

Ok suppose I said I am having movie night at my house and everyone is invited and we are gonna watch Titanic

It's a great movie!!!!!!

This movie contains the exact scenes I just invited you to

Why Don are you being so mean?

Because this kind of attitude in the church is causing our young men to train themselves to lust after girls and it is teaching our young girls how to get a man's attention

If you think I am being mean or legalistic let me ask you a question

***How does something shocking and shameful become acceptable just because we watch it on TV and not through the neighbors window?**

*In terms of lasting effects on our minds and morals what's the difference?

Yet many things, "Titanic, what a great movie, it wasn't even rated R"

Everyday Christians watch other people undress through the window of television

We peek in on people committing fornication and adultery that God calls abomination

We have become entertained by sin and when I preach like this it makes people mad!

Normalizing Sin

The enemy's strategy is to make sin normal – to normalize evil

Oh Pastor Don now you are going to far – Really? Would you let a sexual pervert baby sit your kids? NO!!!!

But we sit them in front of the TV to watch things for hours full of sexual perversions

If you don't think I am right you sit down for one hour and surf through the so called "kids" channels on your TV and keep in mind the things I have just said – you will be shocked!

And if we as adults are watching TV and it happens we say "well it was just a little sex scene"

Great here have a cookie

Pr 8:13 – "To fear the Lord is to hate evil"

When we are being entertained by evil how can we hate it?

How can we be pure when we entertain ourselves with impurity?

God warns us (Eph 5:3-5) – **But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**

How does our favorite entertainment stand up to these verses?.....

Jesus, The Radical (Matt 5:27-30)

Why does Jesus paint such a shocking picture?

Because He wants us to take radical steps to deal with sexual temptation

Now just so you understand the scripture, the hand and the eye are not the causes of sin

A blind man can still lust

A man without a hand can still steal

But the eye is a means of access for both godly and ungodly input

The hand is a means of performing righteousness or sinful acts

So we have to govern what the eye sees and the hand does

If we are going to take Jesus seriously we need to think far more radical about sexual purity

Doing What It takes

The truth of the matter is that in the world we live in the battle is too intense and the stakes are too high to approach purity casually or gradually

You must do the things necessary to guard your eyes.....

If your thoughts trip you up when you are with a certain person, stop hanging out with them

Your just suggesting we use crutches – no if you want to walk and you are lame you need a crutch
My wife and I are each others crutch
She helps me walk by not have Victory Secret catalogs in the house, I ask her to flip through my magazines first and rip out the pages that are inappropriate, even the news paper adds ...
Awe just man up Don – you think I am a weak man because of that? I say I am a stronger man because of it!

(Rom 13:14) – “make no provision for the flesh”

I have stopped putting myself in the position of falling!!!!

We must stay away from people, places, and context that make sin more likely.....

What if I am single? You need an accountability partner who will be willing to do these same things for you

***Remember if you want a different outcome, you must make different choices!**

Does this sound drastic? Well compare it to gouging out an eye or cutting off a hand!

Too Radical?

Sounds like you are saying we have to withdraw from the culture. What you are suggesting is too radical!

No what Jesus said is radical – gouge out your eye – cut off your hand

Many say they are serious about purity but they still make provision for impurity

For example – If a guy is struggling with it because of cable TV and I suggest he get rid of TV, man am I the devil now

Or if it's the internet and I suggest that he tell his wife and have her change the password to the computer – now that is going too far

Followers of Jesus endured torture and gave their lives in obedience to Him and you are whining about TV and internet?!!!!

I am sorry but when Jesus said to take up your cross and follow him doesn't that imply sacrifice greater than forgoing TV and Internet?

How sold out are we to the battle of purity?

How desperate are we to have victory over sin?

How radical are you willing to be for Jesus?

How much do you want the joy and peace that can only be found in Him?

Purity comes only to those who want it!!!!!!!

Control The Internet

Use filters on all your computers

I am always shocked at the people struggling with impurity on the internet who say they want to be free from it but refuse to pay the price for the filters each month

Then do away with the internet!

How about move the computer to high traffic areas

If I check the computer and all the history is erased..... someone is hiding something

Take Charge of The TV – <http://www.pluggedin.com>

This is probably the best resource for what I have been talking about

Channel surfing invites temptation

Use the off switch freely

Don't allow young people to choose their own programs – parents you have the veto power!

Don't leave children unsupervised to watch TV

Never use TV as a baby sitter

Listen even when TV isn't bad it often keeps us from doing what better

If TV is promoting ungodliness in your home get rid of it! That is not legalism – That's discipleship!!!

How about doing a fast in your home from TV for a week or even a month?

Watch what happens – see if you like what you find you can do with all that time

Including feeding your passion for Christ