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but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity,
show yourself an example of those who believe.*

~ 1 Timothy 4:12

I. Purity

A. Definition of "purity":

*The most pure, holy object we can actually
hold in our hands is _____.*

B. Purity in the Old Testament

1. The Hebrew word for "pure" is translated as _____.

*Your word is very pure, therefore Your
servant loves it.*

~ Psalm 119:140

2. It is also translated as _____.

*The commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes.*

~ Psalm 19:8b

C. Purity in the New Testament

1. The root for the Greek word translated as pure in the New Testament is also translated as _____.
2. Earthly, or demonic wisdom is compared to heavenly wisdom.

But the wisdom from above is first _____, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.
~ James 3:17

God's _____ is pure and His _____ is pure.

3. _____ can also be called pure.

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4. _____ can also be called pure.

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, . . . so that they may encourage the young women. . . to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, . . . so that the word of God will not be dishonored.
~ Titus 2:3-5

God's _____ is pure, God's _____ is pure,
and God's _____ are to be pure.

1. The path to purity is _____.
2. The path to holiness is _____ of our souls and our bodies to our Lord.

A Surrendered Life

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee
(my _____).

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise
(my _____).

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee
(my _____).

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee
(my _____).

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold
(my _____).

Take my intellect, and use
every power as Thou shalt choose
(my _____).

Take my will and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine
(my _____).

Take my heart; it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne
(my _____).

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet it's treasure store
(my _____).

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee
(my _____).

~ Frances Ridley Havergal
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II. Holiness

A. Quotes on Holiness:

“I have been before God, and have given myself, all that I am and have, to God; so that I am not, in any respect, my own. . . . I have given myself clear away, and have not retained any thing as my own.”

~ Jonathan Edwards

“Holiness in the Bible means moral wholeness — a positive quality which actually includes kindness, mercy, purity, moral blamelessness and godliness.”

~ A.W. Tozer

B. Definition of Holiness

1. God calls those who by salvation have been set apart from sin to Christ Jesus “saints”, or _____.
2. The word “holy” comes from a root that means to _____, to _____. It means “to be set apart, to be distinct, to be different.”
3. Holiness is reflecting the character of God, which is _____ and sinless.

C. We are called to a life of holiness and purity:

1. Matthew 5:48: *Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*
2. 1 Timothy 5:22b: *Keep yourself free from sin.*
3. I Corinthians 15:34a: *Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning.*
4. 2 Timothy 2:19: *Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.*
5. Romans 12:9b: *Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

Holiness begins on the inside in our _____,
which only God can see.

What is INSIDE will affect our _____.

But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

~ 1 Peter 1:15-16

D. SIN is an inevitable part of our lives.

- J. C. Ryle: "Those who tolerate sin in what they think to be little things, will soon indulge it (yield to it) in greater matters."
- John Owen: "Be killing sin or it will be killing you."
- 2 Timothy 2:22: *Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a _____ heart.*

Flee means to put off, or mortify, which means to _____ or _____.

III. What are some threats to purity and temptations we as single women face?

IV. Solutions

A. From death comes life!

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

~ Colossians 3:5

B. PUT ON _____.

. . . PUT ON the new _____ who is BEING RENEWED to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.

~ Colossians 3:10

C. Become more like Christ

1. A steady diet of the Word

- John 17:17: *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*
- Psalm 119:9,11: *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. . . . Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.*
- Ephesians 5:25b-26: *Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.*

2. Confession of sin

- Proverbs 28:13a: *He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper.*
- Psalm 32:3-4: *When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.*
- James 5:16a: *Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. . . .*

3. Suffering

- 1 Peter 4:1: *Since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.*
- 2 Corinthians 7:1: *Therefore, having these promises (of God), beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

We have a wedding to prepare for!

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