

## Building godly relationships



### 1 Corinthians 6:19 -20

**Memory Theme Verse:** *Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from*

*God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

### Introduction

The theme for this year's Youth Nighted Dare to Be Different brings a powerful message home. Sexual purity is not just about holiness; it is about challenging people to live lives of holiness for the Almighty. This series is about empowering young people to make right choices. As Paul reminded the Romans in 12: 1-2 which was the theme verse for YN that, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship."

Paul recognised the importance of holiness for Christian living. He understood that to attract God's favour and blessings, it is important for us to live in sexual purity. To set Standards and to live under God's standards when it comes to sexual purity.

### 1. Sexual Purity Matters

A lot of people forget that they are not their own. When they became Christians, they surrendered their will to God.

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**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

### 2. God is serious about sexual purity

**Romans 6:13:** Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

**Colossians 3:5** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3 -5:** It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

Matthew 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

### **Galatians 5:19-21**

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## **3. There is freedom in Christ**

Romans 6:16: Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **4. God knows how to deliver you if you are serious about sexual holiness**

1 Corinthians 10:13 : No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

### **Romans 6:11-14**

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

### **Colossians 3:2**

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

### **James 1:13-14**

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ