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EXTREME FAITH

Purity

“the condition or quality of being pure; freedom from anything that debases, contaminates, pollutes, etc.: the purity of drinking water. The purity of your life is important...”

Name:

Take me home!



PURITY

How important is purity...

So what do you think, how important is purity? I mean as soon as you think about purity what comes to your mind? What do you think of?

For most of us we think about things that we eat or drink. We think about is that drinking water clean, or is that food good or bad.

Purity is well pure. It means that it does not have anything in it that is not supposed to have in it. So what do you think about your drinking water? Is it pure? Can you drink Aspen Tap? Or do you have to drink from bottled water?

Purity is defined this way... **the condition or quality of being pure; freedom from anything that debases, contaminates, pollutes, etc.: the purity of drinking water.**

So when you look at the definition of purity what jumps out to me is this that it is free from anything that pollutes it. Now if we were talking about drinking water, we could name off a ton of stuff that pollutes it. There are many things that we would not want to see in our drinking water.

Purity is important, we have government agencies that only look at and ensure that things that are around us are pure. From our drinking water, to the air that we breathe. This is very comforting to me, I like to know that someone else is keeping an eye on these things.

Now I ask the question that you knew was coming, how is your purity? How are you living your life are you seeking to live a life that is pure?

God cares about our purity and how we live our lives. Check out this verse. Philippians 4:8 Finally,

brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

So what do you think about? How do you see purity in your life. God knew that purity would be tough for us and knew that there would have to be a sacrifice for us that was completely pure. We need something pure to come between us and God. That person of purity is Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life for us so that we might be able to live out of His life. The Gospel is that story we don't have purity and Jesus sacrificed Himself for us so we might be able to claim His purity.

So think about it this way would you drink contaminated water? Would you? Nay you wouldn't and neither will God. So think about your life this way you are contaminated and well God will not have anything to do with you unless you are pure and remain in a state of purity. Now you and both know that we can do, it. So that is where Jesus comes in and He purifies us.

We have Jesus, and we have control over ourselves, we need to put both things into action and live a life that seeks the pure things. If you were a cup of water would you drink you? Or would you start thinking about all the things in your life that you would rather not want to drink? See you have to believe that God's way is the best way and when He says that we should seek to be pure, well then we need to seek it out and depend on Him to show us how we can live a life running after purity in a world that seeks to make us contaminated.



Living Extreme means...

It's in the water, Living Extreme means that you consider what you allow to enter into your body and your mind. We have to consider what is pure, right and pleasing to God. We have to know that it is extreme!

Many of you have not considered what you allow to enter into your mind. What you think about and what you say. We have to hunger to have purity in our lives. We have to know this that God will show us and lead us to live pure lives. Check this out Psalm 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to your word. That is awesome and that is extreme. We are suppose to live according to God's Word! Wow what a concept... We are suppose to make decisions about what we do and don't do based on God's Word the Bible. That is extreme. Purity and pure living is extreme!



CHARACTER

Can you imagine what it would be like to get your drinking water from a mud puddle? You would not drink it. What is your character? Are you pure are you seeking to live your life from the word of God?

Your character is a reflection of who God is in your life, we must seek to live out of God's word and how He would have us live so that we will have a character that is good and life giving to others.

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

Take the challenge and think, really think this week about how you live your life and the decisions that you make. Do you make decisions with purity in mind? Do you think about what it is your about to listen to, what you are about to watch, or what you are going to surf while you are on the internet. Read God's word and try to live by it!

Psalm 119:9 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

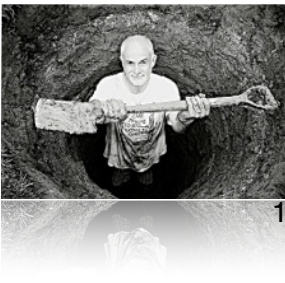
Think About it The tension of

(Living your life with purity as a focus)

What movies do you watch? What T.V. shows do you watch? If I asked to see your I device what type of music would I find on it? What would you not want one of the XGT leaders to see? Living your life with purity as a focus, well that creates tension in our world. Why because the world and the culture that we live in does not live with purity as a focus. It lives with the focus of satisfy yourself and do what makes you feel good. We should all be the same. Now don't get me wrong the culture that we live in also leads people to take action! It leads people to take a stand and be part of a social movement. It's like you do these good things and well that is great and well that kind of makes it okay that you don't live with purity else where.

Purity is worth going for. You will have to think about what music you listen to and you will have to think about what you watch and what you do with your time. It sets us out of the crowd. Whenever you set yourself outside of the crowd there will be tension. It will be hard for your friends to understand why you choose the things that you do. But I can promise you it will cause them to respect you and to see you as someone who they want to be like. We don't judge others for their choices we just chose to do what we do because it is right for us in what we chose to live for.

Start thinking about purity and how you will live your life with it being the mark that you are shooting for. Purity and the pursuit of purity in your life will change you life for the better!



DIE IN

1. What would you describe as Pure? Circle all that apply:

Heaven Jesus Life A mountain spring Jesus's Whole life Jesus's Mom Mary

2. In Old Testament Times the Israelites made sacrifices to cover their sins.

God was very specific about what was required in the sacrifice:

Leviticus 22:21

And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it.

Why would God require such perfection?

- A. Because God is holy
- B. Because an imperfect animal does not represent his holy nature
- C. A&B

3. What do you think this Perfect animal being killed foreshadowed in our faith? Correctly complete sentence with the 4 words below.

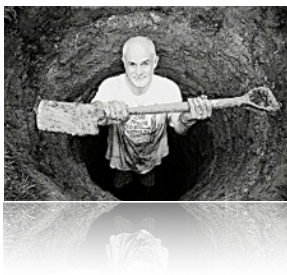
Sacrifice Perfectly Pure Death Complete

Jesus lived a _____ (w/o sin) life and his _____ on the cross was a _____ and final _____ for our sins.

4. All Jesus's purity took our place for our impurity on the cross. See Below:

Our impurity	Jesus's Purity and Death	Belief in Jesus = our purity
Our Impurity (sin) Before God separates us from Him	Because of Jesus's Sinless and perfectly pure life he was able to be the sacrifice for our impurities	Our belief in Jesus's life and what he's done for us on the cross God now sees us as pure. (2 Cor 5:21)

We don't have to offer animal sacrifices but God wants our best! How can we give him our best and live a pure life? In what areas?



DIE IN

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

5. Why was Jesus called the Lamb of God?

He was the only one to be the Lamb of God, because he would live a perfectly sinless life. He took our place, the punishment we deserved. He was the only one who could take our place and die for us because he was the perfect and spotless Lamb of God.

Imagine being stuck in a slimy pit and then set upon a rock? Jesus is that rock. The slimy pit is our sin.

Psalm 40:2

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

7. Do you believe that Jesus did this for you?

He set us free from destruction (separation from him) in our sin, Gave us solid ground to stand on, giving us security!

What's the difference between the old sacrifice that happened with the Israelites and Jesus

TAKE SOME TIME AND JOURNAL.

Look it over, read the story again, dig into the questions and write out your thoughts...

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Extreme faith
and
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