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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

### Remaining pure in an un-pure world....

Purity is at the forefront of our minds as we get into the 3 week of the study, now we address strategies and a mindset towards purity. The foundation for our purity is firmly planted in our faith in Christ. Even when we fall short with a momentary thought or words that slip, Christ continually makes us pure.

Last week we had a powerful demonstration of water that is contaminated with sin and darkened. When we placed our faith in Jesus his sacrifice for us made us pure and the water made clear again. Not if, but when we slip and sin again, a black drop is added to the water. It dissipates quickly because of our faith in Jesus continually makes us pure. Past, present and future sins. Now that we know this and witnessed this powerful demonstration, we seek to live lives that please the Lord to live in a manner worthy of being called a believer.

The battleground for purity starts in our minds. The Lord's watchful eye is always upon us, he knows our innermost thoughts and every action. We know that The Word says that someone who is angry with his brother is same as murder or a lustful thought equal to adultery. This shows the seriousness of our thoughts. In Philippians chapter 4 the apostle Paul gives us instructions to think about "what is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is

any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise" we are to think on these things. How can we be focused on these things and turn our thoughts in this direction? By thinking about a beautiful place, your favorite recreational activity or athlete. Yes, What about dwelling on God's word? His Kingdom?

God has made available to us some awesome tools to help us in the fight for purity. The whole armor of God is designed for complete protection and victory for the spiritual battle we are in. There is more to this world than what we can see and put our hands on. Ephesians 6 says the armor is so we can "stand firm against all strategies of the devil".

As we put these pieces of armor on we go through a mental checklist in the attributes of the armor. Helmet of Salvation – check, belt buckle of truth check. If we have all this armor on we are aware of the battle around us and are able to fight off the enemy with 100% success. When we put on the armor we are strong in the Lord and his mighty power, not on our strength or resources. He has given us everything we need so that we can stand firm. Do we realize there is a battle for our very hearts, thoughts, and lives every day? What are you going to do about it? Keep in mind this is not our armor. It's God's armor for us.



Living Extreme means...

How do you live differently because you are a follower of Jesus Christ? I mean we should live differently because of who we know and what He has done for us. To live differently than the rest of the world is extreme.

We are called to live pure and to live with the armor of God on always. We are in a battle and that is extreme! So if you know that you are in a battle then should we not have our armor on? There is a fight for our purity, a battle that is raging and we must be ready to stand, and fight. Think about the armor everyday, make sure that you put it on so to it that you use it. Visualize yourself putting the armor on and then use it to protect yourself in the battle.

# CHARACTER

## EXTREME APPLICATION

Garbage in Garbage out: We know its true what you listen to? What movies you watch affect our thoughts words and attitudes? Does Hollywood or Big 5 record labels care about your thought life. Truth is they do not. So it's in our hands to put a filter on these things. Know when to say no. Saying nothing or walking away sometimes is the mark of true character.

### Think About it The tension of (The battle rages on:)

Our Responsibility: Set this in stone, there are spatial forces of darkness in the heavily realm and the Devil has strategies against us. Good news is that God gives us special armor that defends our bodies, hearts and minds from the enemy. Or responsibility is to put on the full armor of God. Imagine going into battle zone, for us every day, you want to be prepared for what's coming at you. Fiery arrows, lies etc. Picture a warrior, you, putting these pieces on. As you put them on you look down at your self and say. With this breastplate I know that Because of what Jesus has done I have right standing with God, my accuser has nothing to stand on because the blood of Jesus justifies me. Putting on the belt of truth I say to myself he really is my savior I believe in what he has done for me. With these shoes of peace I carry the peace of God with me and I'm ready to share with others the Good news of Jesus Christ. I put on the helmet of salvation knowing my final destination, heaven, forever with my Lord. I pick up the shield of faith knowing that my Faith can move mountains, as I knock down and extinguish the arrows. Finally I pick of the sword of the spirit, my bible, and replace lies with the promises of God's word. Fully suited with the Armor of God we trust in his mighty power and turn our thoughts toward him.

## A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

Take the challenge this week:  
Process these five things in your life all week long.

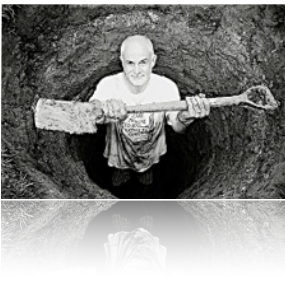
- NO. 1 Think before you say or do anything....
- NO. 2 Match everything that you say or do to Philippians 4:8
- NO. 3 Think before you say or do anything...
- NO. 4 Live with purity as goal...
- NO. 5 Always turn to Jesus when you need help!

At the end of the week look back was it a better week? How did things go? Is God's way better? Of course it is!

## Next Snow Day! April 20th!



Snow days are great days to invite your friends to XGT! We have XGT starting at 8:30 then we head out to the mountain and have a blast together. Then we head back to the church to hang and play games! Don't miss out!



# DIE IN

– Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

1. How often do our minds wander from these things?

A. Often B. A little bit C. Never

This is a high standard that God's word sets for us, true, honorable, just, pure lovely, commendable, excellence and worthy of praise.

So many things come our way every day. In fact we are bombarded with messages that can distract us from thinking pure.

2. What can we do to stay focused on these things?

- a. Keep in communication with God in Prayer
- b. Read our bibles daily
- c. Ask God to bless our thought life
- d. A and B
- e. All of the above

3. What are some things that keep us from Purity?

- A. Our words
- B. Our thoughts
- C. The content I view on the internet
- D. The music I listen to

4. Why should we strive for purity (Circle all that apply)

God desires purity  
God loves purity so we love purity  
Living for purity shows our love for God  
Our lives show people who Jesus is

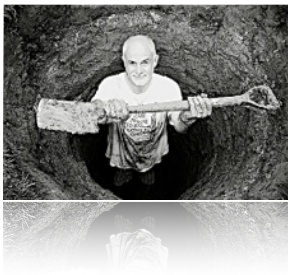
We are loved based on performance  
God's way is the best way  
We long to be better than everyone else  
Simply it is the best way to live

Spiritual battle, Stand your ground.

13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10-17

Face it we are in a battle for our thoughts, hearts and minds every day. Good news God provides us with armor spiritual armor for the attacks that come our way. Nothing here is missed. Every Part of our body is covered





## DIE IN

5. Fill in Blanks with Black words here and discuss.

•Belt of truth – Covers our vital organs and is knowing the truth that we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God and that he has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life for us.

**Abundant, Children, Good Things,**

•Shoes of Peace – We are \_\_\_\_\_ and at \_\_\_\_\_ for the things that come our way.  
Dare to Share the Gospel!

**Ready, Peace**

•Shield of Faith – We can knock down arrows from the Evil one. \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_.

**Defense, Our Faith**

•Body armor of righteousness – Covers our heart, knowing that Because of what Jesus has done on the Cross we are not condemned, and have right standing with God.

•Helmet of Salvation Knowing that were saved. That living for him is now a priority.

•Sword of the Spirit – We need the word of God to replace lies with truth. The more we know and trust Gods word the more prepared we are for battle.

6. God provides armor for a battle, what is the battle for?

- a.Our thoughts
- b.Hearts & Minds
- c.Things that distract us from God
- d.Our purity
- e.All of the above

God cares about our purity So much that he has given us everything we need to stand firm in the midst of a battle for Victory for our Purity.

## 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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