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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...”

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## Take me home!



## PURITY

### Falling Down and getting back up again...

Purity, what is it really and why should you care? Well that is the question we ask last week and well you had some pretty incredible things to say. Purity is important and we have to fight for it in this world that we live in. There are things everywhere around every corner that will cause us to trip and fall. I think of Bat Man the movie and yes there are many of them but I am think of one of the first ones that came out and got the whole Bat Man thing started again. There is this quote in it after Bruce feel down in the well and broke I think his arm. As his father is carrying him in the house his father asks him this question. “And why do we fall Bruce?” “So we can learn to pick ourselves up.” I love that quote and I love the message that is behind it. We must never quit and we must never give up, even after our biggest failures. We have to fight on. If I was going to create a quote along the lines from the Bat Man movie for people who follow Jesus I would state it this way. **“Why do we fall down?” “So we can learn to depend on Jesus to pick us up.”** As we go through life their will always be an attack on us to not live with purity in mind. We will get messed up and we will mess up and then we will need to have Jesus clean us up and pick us up. The goal is to live for purity and to strive after it with everything that we have. But there will be those times that we slip and fall, and find

ourselves in things that are not pure. I mentioned it last week, and I will mention it again in this article because it is such an awesome verse. I hang out on this verse all the time. **Philippians 4:8 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.** This verse acts like an anchor for my mind so that I will only run after the things that are pure and right. It helps me check myself when I start talking bad about someone else. It helps me stay the course. I want to be pure but there is such a battle. We have to fight and we have to run to God’s word for encouragement and strength so that we might fight the good fight of pure living. As we continue to look at purity, one thing will stand out. God’s ways are the best. They always lead to good things. The world and the culture that we live in will try to sway us and make us think that it’s ways are best, but it just isn’t true. God’s ways are always the best! Put your life to the purity test compare and hold everything up to God’s word and see what is true, what is noble, what is right, what is pure, what is lovely and then you will learn that God’s way is the best! It’s hard and it is impossible to do without Jesus leading the way. We fall so we can learn to depend on Jesus to pick us up again...



Living Extreme means...

Matthew 5:8 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Extreme Living is well described in this verse. Living with purity as a focus well that is extreme. Seeing God is extreme. Living with purity and seeing God everyday is very extreme. We need to have a hunger to see God everyday and seek to live extreme with purity as well the goal each day.

What is extreme in our culture, the X-Games, launching yourself off a big kicker, doing crazy things. Our world says a lot of things are extreme, but the world around us does not see that purity is extreme. Well it is extreme. Why because the world does not think that it is possible for a young man or woman to live with purity. So if we set our hearts on purity and go for it then we are living extreme! The pure in heart will see God, and that is extreme. See God today, don't wait till you die, see Him now live with a pure heart!

# CHARACTER

## EXTREME APPLICATION

How many conversations do you have in a day? Some face to face, and some via text and social media. In these conversations, how often does purity come up? If it did would you be able to continue the conversation? Purity we need it and we should live it out like a logo. Just as we have logo's that tell everyone what type of phone we have and what clothes we are wearing. We need a purity logo that brands us and allows others to know that we are living for purity!

### Think About it The tension of

#### (Living your life with purity as a focus)

So have you been thinking about the tension that living for purity brings into your life? Have you been thinking about purity at all? It is a challenge to live for purity and to run the race that you are running. But I can promise you this it will not just happen unless you really set your mind to it. We would like to think that everything just goes alright because that is just the way that life goes. But that is not the truth, the culture around us wants us to believe that things just work themselves out. But that is not the truth. You have to set goals and then go after them. You have to keep them before you or you will not achieve them.

Okay here are the top five things you can do to strive for purity in your life:

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!

How often do you do something or say something without even thinking about it? Well there you go if you just start thinking before you speak or do, things will change!

How often do you compare the life that you are living to the word of God? Find key verses that will help you stay the course and then memorize them and then live by them.

Do you really think about what you do before you do it? How many times have you created drama for yourself and others just because you did not think before you did something.

What are your goals? Do you have any goals? If you put purity as a goal it will guide you to live a life that is far better. Purity is key to living a life that is guided by God! Get rid of bad stuff and focus on the good stuff.

Take everything to Jesus, never run from Him and always run to Him. Do this and you will find that purity comes from Him. Never hide...

Try putting these simple things into practice and see how awesome it is to live for purity!

## A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

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

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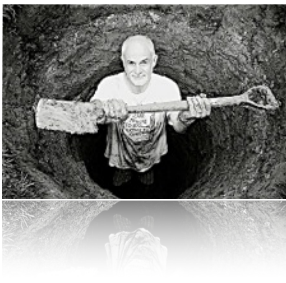
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At the end of the week look back was it a better week? How did things go? Is God's way better? Of course it is!

## Snow Day!



This last Sunday we had an awesome XGT Snow Day! It was a blast! We had an awesome XGT Sunday and then hit the slopes. So much fun! Thanks to everyone who went it was a blast!



# DIE IN

1 Samuel 16:7 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1. In your own words define purity:

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2. Old Covenant Vs. New Covenant:  
(Draw a line to the covenant that the phrase belongs to)

Kills life	
Gives life	Old Covenant
Last forever	
Last a short time	New Covenant
Causes us to give our best	
Gives us freedom and power over sin	

3. Who should we depend on to help us strive for purity?

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

God desires purity	We are loved based on performance
God loves purity so we love purity	God's way is the best way
Living for purity shows our love for God	We long to be better than everyone else
Our lives show people who Jesus is	Simply it is the best way to live

**DISCUSS IN SMALL GROUP:**

**Why do you think purity is such a big deal?**

**How much do you think about purity in your own actions each day?**

**Read 1 Samuel 16:7 at the top of the page,**

**What do you think it means?**

**How can you make purity something that you think about and strive to live for?**

**Do you really believe that God's way is the best?**



## 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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