

HARD LAUNCH

Wk 4 Power in Purity

(INTRO)

CROWD: "I'm wired for love!"

*Proverbs 4:20 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. 21 Do not let them out of your sight, **keep them within your heart**; 22 for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. 23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. 24 Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead; **fix your gaze directly before you**. 26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.*

*Proverbs 119:9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? **By living according to your word**. 10 **I seek you with all my heart**; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. 12 Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. 13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. 14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. 15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. 16 I delight in your decrees; **I will not neglect your word**.*

**Purity is not God withholding what's fun,
It's Him protecting you while blessing you!**

Purity is not punishment, it's opportunity!

1. Listen to His word, and put it into practice

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The power to live in purity is found in His word!

Hebrew 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

James 1:22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

Growth is APPLICATION

We don't have a lack of power, we have a lack of implementation!

Purity is a fight, but it's a fight you can win with the word of God!

Matthew 4:4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2. Guard your heart

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. 24 Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.

Purity happens intentionally, never accidentally!

Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.

Q: What are thinking about? What are you talking about?

Be aware of the potential threats.

- Sites
- Conversations
- For You Page or Youtube
- Music or Movies
- Hanging with friends or being with my girlfriend

Truth: Thoughts become feelings, and feeling become actions

Fact: The enemy enters your heart through your head

Fix it in you mind and you'll fix it in your heart!

1 Corinthians 2:16 ...But we have the mind of Christ.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Our life moves in the direction of our strongest thoughts.

**You can't have a garbage mind and a pure heart.
Take your thoughts captive and you will guard your heart!**

3. Fix your focus on Him

Proverbs 4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil."

Where you look determines where you go!

You can't be focused on pleasure and live a life of purity at the same time!

Q: What do you want?

Galatians 6:8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Where your eyes look your feet eventually go!

Purity is a byproduct of following closely to Jesus!

(CLOSING)

Psalm 24:3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. 5 They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

(RESPONSE)

- 1. Salvation**
- 2. Commitments**