

Living a

Pure

Life

in an Impure World

STUDY GUIDE



CHAPTER ONE

1. Hebrews 12:1 exhorts us to lay aside the weights and the sin which clings so closely to us and run the race with endurance. Which sin do you struggle with the most?
2. Sometimes because of our personality, back ground or experiences we are more prone to be drawn to one sin over another. For instance some people would never think of stealing anything from anyone, but, on the other hand, they may be gripped by fear and worry. What areas do you feel the least temptation? Why is that so?
3. In the areas are you most tempted and how often do you feel tempted?
4. How often do you give in?

CHAPTER TWO

1. Read Genesis 39:6-9. How was Joseph able to resist such a great temptation?
2. Does God really know everything about us? Read Psa. 139:1-4 and Heb. 4:16.
3. Can God really help us in every circumstance of life? Look at Psa. 46:1, Heb. 4:16 and II Cor. 9:8.
4. What practical steps did Joseph take to avoid this sin?
5. Have you ever surrendered all that you are to the Lord to live for Him: to do His will for His glory? When did you do that?

CHAPTER THREE

1. Is consistent victory over sin really possible? Read II Peter 1:3-4, Gal. 5:16, and Rom. 8:37.
2. Do you believe it is possible for you?
3. What are some of the blessings, attributes and powers we possess as believers?

CHAPTER FOUR

1. Explain in your own words how do the pieces of the sanctification “puzzle” fit together.
2. Why are the Christian disciplines of life so important? What do they do for us?
3. What two key qualities do we need to appropriate God’s provision for holy living?
4. Is God’s provision for victorious living really enough? What verses say so?

CHAPTER FIVE

1. What is mankind’s chief problem?
2. How has God made a provision for man’s problem?
3. In what two ways did Jesus satisfy the Law’s demands?

CHAPTER SIX

1. In Romans 4 how does Paul use Abraham and David to prove that justification is by faith without the works of the law?

2. We need to be perfectly righteous to stand before a perfectly righteous God. Where can we get such a perfect righteousness?

CHAPTER SEVEN

1. In Romans 5: 12-21 two men are viewed, Adam and Jesus. Make a list of what each man did and the impact of their actions on others.

2. Every human being is either in Adam or in Jesus. Where are you?

3. If God can condemn the whole world through one man's sin, is He not just when He offers forgiveness to every man because of one man's obedience? Our forgiveness is because of what Jesus accomplished for us. When did you put your faith in what Jesus accomplished for you?

CHAPTER EIGHT

1. How do we escape being in Adam and find ourselves in Christ?

2. Can I do a heart transplant on myself? What must a heart patient do? Have you ever asked the Lord to give you a new heart?

CHAPTER NINE

1. Why doesn't complete and permanent forgiveness for a true believer lead to a life of unbridled sin?

2. In what two ways does Paul remind us that sin should no longer have power over us?

3. Do you believe you are free from sin as your master?

4. Which is more reliable, your feelings and experiences or God's Word?

CHAPTER TEN

1. Who is the "old man" in Rom. 6:6?

2. What is the "body of sin" Paul talks about in Rom. 6:6?

3. What are we to do with the knowledge that our man of old, who we were in Adam, is now dead? Read Romans 6:11-13.

4. What are the three key reasons why we fail to appropriate the truths of Romans 6?

5. Which one of these three reasons most explains your failures? What can you do to correct this?

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2. Name some of the things that the Holy Spirit can do for us.
3. How are we filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. Have you meeting the conditions of being filled? If not, in what specific areas are you having a problem?

CHAPTER TWELVE

1. What is your favorite promise in the Bible? How often have you used it?
2. When you have a problem, what is your first impulse: pray or handle it on your own?
3. God's promises make us enormously wealthy. Make a list of your problems and then make a list of the promises that answer that need.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

1. How do the Christian disciplines promote faith and love?
2. Do you have a daily quiet time with the Lord?

3. What do you do during this time?

4. In your experience, what happens to you spiritually when you neglect the Word and prayer?

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

1. The first step in solving a problem is to realize that you have one. What area of life or specifically what sin troubles you the most?
2. Are you convinced that this sin is not your friend, but rather your enemy?
3. Do you believe that God wants to set you free from this sin?
4. Do you believe He has given you the power to overcome this sin?
5. Why is porn such a particularly evil and destructive sin?

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

1. The second step in solving a problem is to decide to solve it. Have you really set your will to turn from that sin that has brought you into bondage?

2. Often behind our temptations is a demon. Do you understand that when you give into a sin you are giving into a demon's desires for you? Our warfare is with spiritual powers. Read Eph. 6: 10-12. How do we win?

3. What does James 4:7 teach us about our warfare?

4. What we allow ourselves to think is of vital importance. The Bible calls us to bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Read II Cor. 10:3-5. So what should be your reaction as soon as you detect a wrong thought?

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

1. We can accept the idea that there will be constant conflict in this life (Gal. 5:17), but do we have to accept the idea that there will be constant defeat and failure like what we see in Rom. 7:19?

2. How can we overcome the lusts of the flesh? Read Gal. 5:16, Rom. 8:4 and Rom. 8:13.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

1. What are some of the terrible consequences of living a promiscuous life with pre-marital sex?

2. What kind of impact does pre-marital sex often have on girls?

3. Read Matt. 4:1-4. Jesus did not live to fulfill His personal appetites, rather He lived to fulfill the will of God. Have you made that same commitment?

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

1. How does prayer and worship particularly insulate us from temptation and sin?

2. What has been your experience when you read God's Word on a regular basis?

CHAPTER NINETEEN

1. Why is it so important that we live a pure life in an impure world? Read Phil. 2:14-16.