

YP 2002 Seminar - Maintaining Purity in an Unclean World

The peace of a good conscience and a godly walk are treasures that Satan and the world want to take from you. Learn winning strategies to avoid compromise. Particularly recommended for the college-bound.

Assumption – You are taking this session because you want to maintain your purity. You already believe it is important.

1 Tim. 5:22. Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

2 Tim. 2:22. Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Importance of Innocence – Treasure it – Maintain it – Recover it

- Rom. 16:19. be wise about what is good, and **innocent** about what is evil.
- Matt. 10:16. be as shrewd as snakes and as **innocent** as doves.
- Prov. 4:23. Above all else, **guard your heart**, for it is the wellspring of life.

- wisdom, shrewdness, sound judgment is important
- innocence (simplicity) about what is evil is a good thing
 - o unfamiliarity in a bad situation can promote healthy discomfort
 - o a temptation that is not recognized has no allure
- innocence is healthy for a Christian
 - o it should not be embarrassing
 - o a Christian should not try to learn about evil
 - o practice (like exercise) a lifestyle that avoids evil influence
- regaining lost innocence
 - o practice (like exercise) a lifestyle that avoids evil influence
 - o in time, old familiar evils can become unfamiliar again

Friends – Our Associations are Critical – Accountability – Influence

- **Accountability** is a key part of God's plan for us

- We need it, no one should be without it or try to avoid it
- Prov. 27:6. **Wounds** from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.
- Prov. 27:17. As iron sharpens iron, so one man **sharpens** another [or his friend].
- Christian **confession/discipline**: James 5:16, 1 Cor 5:5, 2 Thess 3:6, Jude 23

What do you do if your best friend is failing?

Be there to help, but find other accountability

- **Influence** of friends can not be taken lightly

- Psalms 1:1-2. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- Prov. 12:26. A righteous man is **cautious** in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- Prov. 13:20. He who walks with the **wise** grows wise, but a companion of **fools** suffers harm.
- Amos 3:3. Do two walk together unless they have **agreed** to do so?
- 1 Cor. 15: 33. Do not be misled: **Bad company corrupts good character.**

Practice Makes Perfect

Do you want to win? What are you practicing? Can you win the big game by practicing at losing the little games? (Are there “little” games we are free to lose?)

- 1 Cor. 9:25-27. Everyone who competes in the games goes into **strict training**. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

If you want to be pure, are you practicing purity? What are you experiencing? What do you look forward to? What fills your mind? What do you linger over?

- movies?
- games?
- magazines/catalogs?
- places to hang out?

If our hearts and minds are filled with images of the world’s response to temptation, how can we expect to resist? If we are in a tempting situation, we will respond the way we have been trained to respond.

- Rom. 13:14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to fulfil the lusts thereof.
- If our mind is not filled with the wrong responses to temptation, we can let the Spirit work and help us resist. If we keep practicing purity and do not feed our desires, “big” temptations often won’t even materialize. We won’t be used to the situations that they come in, and our discomfort will steer us clear. They will be too foreign to be enticing.

The temptations (solicitation to evil, as opposed to trial) we experience are from our own hearts, not from God.

- James 1:13-15. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is

tempted when, **by his own evil desire**, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

We are accountable to God for our thoughts and attitudes.

- Prov. 5:21. **For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD**, and he examines all his paths.
- 1 Chr. 28: 9. ... **the Lord searcheth all hearts**, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts.
- 2 Cor. 10:5 ... We **take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.

We are accountable to God for all our actions, and they reflect our heart.

- We like to have lines (laws?) drawn, so we can consider ourselves pure as long as we don't cross them. Then we can walk right up to them as close as we can get, and still feel OK. God wants us to walk toward Him.
- Guard your heart, steer clear of what could stumble you
 - o Prov. 4:23-27. **Above all else, guard your heart**, for it is the wellspring of life. Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes **look straight ahead**, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. **Do not swerve** to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.
- What are you doing going there, watching that, trying that?
 - o Prov. 5:8-14. **Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, lest ...** At the end of your life **you will groan**, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, "**How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin** in the midst of the whole assembly."
 - o Prov. 7:7. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, **a youth who lacked judgment**. 8. He was going down the street **near her corner**, walking along in the **direction of her house** 9. at twilight, as the day was fading, **as the dark of night set in**.
- Our body is the Lord's
 - o 1 Cor. 6:18-20. Flee from sexual immorality. ... Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own**; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.
 - o Rom. 12:1. ... **offer your bodies as living sacrifices**, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

Some words from the KJV to define (quotes from NIV, but word is found in KJV):

- **concupiscence** – lust, a longing for what is forbidden
 - o Colossians 3:1-6. ... **set your hearts [and] minds on things above ...** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual

immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.
Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

- 1 Thess. 4:3-7. **It is God's will** that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but **to live a holy life**.
- **lasciviousness** – wantonness, indecency, lewdness, absence of restraint, lustful desires, stirring up in one's heart what should not be fulfilled
 - Mark 7:21-22. For from within, **out of men's hearts**, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.
 - Gal 5:19-25. 19. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ... Those who belong to Christ Jesus have **crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires**. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
 - 1 Peter 4:1-5. Therefore, **since Christ suffered ... live ... for the will of God**. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do--living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
- **defraud** – deprive, keep back by fraud, in a sexual connotation to stir up in another what you should not or will not fulfill
 - 1 Thess 4:6, 1 Cor 7:4-5 (contextual example)

What are we practicing? What are we longing for? What are we stirring up in our hearts and minds? What are we stirring up in our brothers and sisters?

Guys

- How do you look at girls? At their face or elsewhere? Do you look back again?
 - Matt. 5:27-28 . You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
 - Job 31:1. I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.
- What are you practicing as you look? What are you stirring up as you watch that movie or look at that magazine?
- Tip: Practice looking girls in the face. You will get to know them better, respect them more
- What does God want from you? Prov. 23:26. My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways,

Girls

- Do you want attention? How are you getting it?
 - o as in 1 Tim. 2:9-10. I also want women to dress **modestly**, with **decency** and **propriety**, ... with **good deeds**, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. (also 1 Pet. 3:1-6)
 - o or as in Prov. 6:23-25. ... the corrections of discipline are the way to life, keeping you from the immoral woman, from the **smooth tongue** of the wayward wife. Do not lust in your heart after her **beauty** or let her captivate you with her **eyes**,
 - o wrong examples: women in movies, models in clothing stores and catalogs, rock stars
- What do your dress and actions say to your brothers?
 - o Gen. 38:14. she ... covered herself ... to disguise herself, ... When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute.
 - o Do your dress and actions draw attention other than to your face?
 - o Are you available to receive the attention you are drawing? Are you taking care not to defraud your brothers?

In dating/courtship

- Guys - How long after you first held hands was holding hands the most thrilling thing you wanted? How about a hug, a kiss, a caress? How long until you really longed for the next thing? **What are you practicing?**
- Girls - How long after doing one thing did it take to feel like making yourself available to do the next? **What are you practicing?**

Some summary reminders: the Lord will guide us as we:

Ask Him:

- Psalms 139:1-4, 23-24. O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Look to His word:

- Heb. 4:12. For the word of God is living 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.

Think on His things:

- Phil. 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.

Innocence

Proverbs 4

23. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

24. Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

25. Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.

26. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm.

27. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Proverbs 16: 2. All a man's ways seem **innocent** to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

Matthew 10:16. I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as **innocent** as doves.

Romans 16:19. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and **innocent** about what is evil.

Friends

Proverbs

12: 26. A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

18: 24. A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

22: 11. He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.

22: 24. Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, 25. or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

27: 6. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

27: 9. Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

27: 17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

27: 17. Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Amos 3: 3. Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?

Proverbs 13: 20. He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

24: 1. Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company;

Genesis 13: 11. So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12. Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. 13. Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

Psalms 14: 5. There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.

Jeremiah 15: 15. You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering--do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. 16. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. 17. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation.

1 Corinthians 15: 33. Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Psalms 1: 1. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Proverbs 4: 14. Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men.

15. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way.

Lifestyle/Practice

Mark 7: 21. |2081| from within |1063| For, |1537| out |3588| of the |2588| heart |0444| of people |3588| the |1261| thoughts |2556| evil |1607| pass out, |3430| adulteries, |4202| sexual sins, |5408| murders,

22. |2829| thefts, |4124| greedy desires, |4189| iniquities, |1388| deceit, |0766| lustful desires, |3788| an eye |4190| wicked, |0988| blasphemy, |5243| pride, |0877| foolishness

23. |3956| all |5023| these |4190| evil things |2082| from within |1607| pass out |2532| and |2840| profane |3588| the |0444| person.

21. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22. Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

21. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

22. greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

23. All these evils come from inside and make a man `unclean.'"

Strong's Ref. # 766

Romanized aselgeia

Pronounced as-elg'-i-a

from a compound of GSN0001 (as a negative particle) and a presumed selges (of uncertain derivation, but apparently meaning "continent"); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices):

KJV--filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

Galations 5:19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24. And they that are Christ's have **crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

25. **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

19. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

- 20. idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions
- 21. and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 24. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.
- 25. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

19. |5318| clearly revealed |1161| Now |2076| are |3588| the |2041| works |3588| of the |4561| flesh, |3748| which |2076| are: |4202| sexual sin, |0167| uncleanness, |0766| lustfulness,

20. |1495| idol-service, |5331| sorcery, |2189| hostilities, |2054| fightings, |2205| jealousies, |2372| angers, |2052| rivalries, |1370| divisions, |0139| heresies,

21. |5355| envyings, |3178| drunkennesses, |2970| revellings, |2532| and |3664| similar things

Ephesians4:17. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

17. So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

18. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

19. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

1 Peter 4: 1. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2. That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4. Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

5. Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

- 1 Peter 4: 1. Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.
2. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.
3. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do--living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.
4. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.
5. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Jude 4. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Strong's Ref. # 1939

Romanized epithumia

Pronounced ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah

from GSN1937; a longing (especially for what is forbidden):

KJV--concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

Colossians 3: 1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil **concupiscence**, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Colossians 3: 1. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

2. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
3. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
4. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
5. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.
6. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

1 Thessalonians 4: 3. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

3. It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

4. that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,

5. not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

6. and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you.

7. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Strong's Ref. # 650

Romanized apostereo

Pronounced ap-os-ter-eh'-o

from GSN0575 and stereo (to deprive); to despoil:

KJV--defraud, destitute, kept back by fraud.

1 Corinthians 7: 4. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

5. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Thoughts

Search “thought”, “think”

Proverbs 4

23. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

24. Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

25. Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.

26. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm.

27. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Proverbs 5: 8. **Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,**

9. lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel,

10. lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.

11. At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.

12. **You will say, "How I hated discipline!** How my heart spurned correction!

13. I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors.

14. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

21. **For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths.**

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judgment. 8. He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the

direction of her house 9. at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set

in. (What are you doing in a place like that?)

Genesis 6: 5. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

1 Chronicles 28: 9. And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: **for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts:** if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Job 31: 1. I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

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

Matthew 5: 27. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

27. "You have heard that it was said, `Do not commit adultery.'

28. But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Psalms 139: 1. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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2. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
3. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
4. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.
23. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Proverbs 16: 3. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Mark 7: 21. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22. Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

21. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

22. greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

23. All these evils come from inside and make a man `unclean.'"

Acts 8: 22. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

2 Corinthians 10: 5. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Phillipians 4: 8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

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.

Hebrews 4: 12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living 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.

Psalms 94:11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

Psalms 94:11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile.

1 Peter 3

1. Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,
2. when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.
3. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.
4. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.
5. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands,
6. like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

1 Timothy 2: 9. I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,

10. but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

Proverbs 6: 23. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life,

24. keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife.
25. Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes,

Proverbs 31: 30. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Genesis 38: 14. she took off her widow's clothes, covered herself with a veil to disguise herself, and then sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that, though Shelah had now grown up, she had not been given to him as his wife.

15. When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face.

Remember Lot