

TAKE A VOW—4 PURITY

Married? Hope to be married?
Committing adultery? (Somethin) Addicted to porn? Emotional affair?

Almost no one plans to wreck a marriage with sin—All the time!

Difficult to build a life of righteousness on a foundation of sin.

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Gen 2:24-25

shame: *buwsh* (boosh); to be ashamed; to feel completely worthless.

Bookie—I'm naked! Streaking—innocent

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves...⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." Gen 3:7-10

Kids/Choc/Poop—(Grownup hurting—Hide)

Do something wrong—Feel shame—Connect what with who.
Believe only way to be safe is to hide. Keep it a secret.

Can't let him know. Can't let her know my secret battles.

• **SECRECY IS THE ENEMY OF INTIMACY.**
THE VOWS

#1: I promise God will be my 1st priority & my spouse will be my 2nd.

#2: I promise I will always pursue my two.

#3: I promise our marriage will be about “we” and not “me.”

#4: I PROMISE TO CONFIDE IN YOU & NOT HIDE FROM YOU.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. () Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*
Eph 5:8

(*) Eyes adjust—pain

Never find healing in the dark. Shame grows best in the dark.

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity... Eph 5:3

What is impurity—poison! Stay away from it!

Line is in wrong place!

Jesus said...

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall 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. Matt 5:27-28

Craig pausing on station

Line of sin is in the wrong place! Physical, emotional, mind.

- Not committing adultery—Lusting after someone at gym.
- Pursuing person at work—Fantasizing in your heart.
- Acting out—Reading romance novel—Mommy porn.

Jesus was extreme! Right eye causes you to sin—Gouge it out!

One arm cyclops

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

Prov 5:8

No secrets: Not alone, Travel, Computer, Phone, Passwords, Car—Money.

HOW CAN WE STAY PURE?

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. Ps 119:9-11 (David)

Seek God. Passionate pleasing God! Have to be pure—Want pure!
Attract me—Repulses me. (Tasted goodness of purity)

(((AMY)))

Imagine sitting down with your kids...

- Breaking the heart of God, dragging name of X thru mud.
 - One day meeting God faces to face—give account.
 - Lose my reputation—ministry.
 - Lose Amy's unconditional trust—inflicting untold hurt
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Secrecy is the enemy of intimacy!

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Prov 28:13

Confess—Receive with Grace

Children of light—No longer live in darkness!

How can I stay pure? Living according to your word!

God is my one—Spouse is two.

Always pursue my two.

Marriage is about we not me.

Confide in you not hide from you.