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*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## KEEP THYSELF PURE

*John Edwards*

Timothy was charged, *“Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure”* (1 Tim. 5:22). Every individual is charged with the responsibility of keeping himself pure. Here are some ways we can keep ourselves pure.

**FLEE, AVOID, AND ABSTAIN FROM IMPURITIES.** The Bible teaches that there are impurities which will defile us. In Mark 7:20-23 Jesus listed *“evil things”* which defile the man. Paul said we must *“abstain from all appearance of evil”* (1 Th. 5:22). The love of money would jeopardize Timothy’s purity. So Paul encouraged him to *“flee these things”* (1 Tim. 6:9-11). Further, *“Flee also youthful lusts...”* (2 Tim. 2:22). The Corinthians were admonished to *“avoid”* and *“flee fornication”* (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2). The apostle Peter wrote, *“abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul”* (1 Pet. 2:11).

**THINK ON PURE THINGS.** A lot of people have defiled themselves by their thinking. One of the reasons the flood was sent to destroy mankind was that *“every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (Gen.

6:5). Writing the Philippians Paul listed several things Christians need to think on. *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things”* (Phil. 4:8). What kind of things are we thinking on?

**VISIT.** James said, *“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...”* (Jas. 1:27). The individual is under consideration in this verse. One of the ways individuals can maintain their purity is by doing some visiting. How long has it been since you have done some visiting?

**KEEP YOURSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD.** It is written, *“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this...to keep himself unspotted from the world”* (Jas. 1:27). Once a person has *“escaped the pollutions of the world”*, he must endeavor to not become *“entangled therein”* (2 Pet. 2:20). Paul commanded the Romans to *“be not conformed to this world”* (Rom. 12:2). John told early Christians to *“Love not the world...”* (1 Jn. 2:15). When worldliness

infiltrates the lives of Christians, it affects their purity!

**OBEY THE TRUTH.** The Holy Spirit revealed, *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently”* (1 Pet. 1:22). The Lord identified the truth as being God’s word in John 17:17. When we walk in the light of God’s word, *“the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin”* (1 Jn. 1:7).

In the midst of a corrupt world, it is imperative that Christians keep themselves pure.

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## THE GREATEST BOOK EVER WRITTEN

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The Bible is not the book of the month, nor is it the book of the year; but it is the book of books. The Bible is the greatest book that has ever been written! It is the only book that tells man from whence he came, why he is here, and where he is going. Though the Bible is one book, it is made up of 66 books. These books were written by 40 different men, each inspired of

God, and in different geographical locations. Yet, it is one harmonious volume, containing no discrepancies or contradictions. Several valuable lessons can be learned by taking the word "Bible" and making a point for each letter of the word.

**B - BUY IT.** Solomon said, "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" (Prov. 23:23). The Bible, God's word, is priceless! It has the ability to set you free (Jn. 8:32); give you an inheritance (Acts 20:32); and save your soul (Jas. 1:21). You ought to buy the Bible at any cost and hold on to it!

**I - INVESTIGATE IT.** The Bible will be of no benefit to you unless you take the time to read and study its pages. The apostle Paul wrote, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). There is a real problem in this country with Bible illiteracy. Few people read the Bible daily. Have you investigated the Bible lately?

**B - BELIEVE IT.** Every

word in the Bible is inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Paul thanked God because the Thessalonians "received the word of God...not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh in you that believe" (1 Th. 2:13). The Bible is the greatest book ever written, and I need to believe it!

**L - LOVE IT.** The Psalmist penned, "And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved" (Ps. 119:47). David proclaimed, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97). He further stated, "Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it" (Ps. 119:40). Do you love the Bible enough to buy it, investigate it, believe it, and obey it?

**E - EXEMPLIFY IT IN YOUR LIFE.** To exemplify the Bible in your life is to live according to its teachings. It is not enough to just know and believe the greatest book ever written. James recorded, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work,

*this man shall be blessed in his deed" (Jas. 1:25).*

## THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WORLD

*"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2).*

*"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15).*

*"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn. 2:15).*

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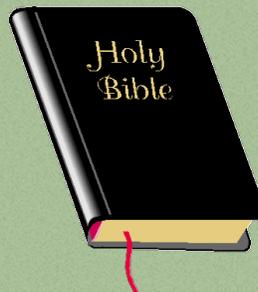
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