

## 8. Self-Purification

There are clear action steps, or steps of obedience that God outlines for us to get and to stay pure. These ‘steps’ are our responsibility. God gives us the grace, or energy to obey his commands and promptings; we have to grab hold of this grace and obey.

You cannot and will not win the battle for purity and holiness unless through grace, you purify yourself of fleshly, ignoble things.

Read the following passages. Note carefully the role self-purification plays in the battle for holiness.

2 Cor 7:1 Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Tim 2:20-22 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Col 3:5-7 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. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race that is marked out for us.

Acts 19:18-20 Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand

drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

**MEMORIZE:** 2 Cor 7:1

### **Questions:**

1. Why did the new believers in the Acts passage burn their sorcery scrolls?
2. Why does God want us to take ‘self-purification steps’?
3. What are the consequences if we don’t get rid of our porn or access to porn?
4. Pick one of the verses and answer: What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

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5. How can I apply the truth of this verse to my life today?

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**Discussion: How do we help a weaker or younger brother to separate from his porn or other idols? Once we get rid of our porn/idols, how can we keep clean?**

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