

15. Purity and Buddies

God does NOT want you to fight the battle or purity alone. We NEED each other for mutual encouragement and accountability.

You will never be able to fight, and win the battle for sexual purity in isolation. We must cultivate deep, vulnerable, honest and open relationships with others. Failure to do so will leave you isolated and ripe for defeat.

Heb 10:24,25 and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 the pure heart.

Ecc 4:9,10,12 two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Heb 3:13 but encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

James 5:16 therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective

Matt 18:19-20 Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Prov 27:5-6 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

MEMORIZE: Ecc 4:9,10,12

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be vulnerable, open and honest with another brother?
2. What does true 'accountability' look like?
3. When is the last time a brother 'rebuked' you? Please describe it the situation. What would a person look like who never receives reproof?
4. Pick one of the verses and answer: What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

5. How can I apply the truth of these verses to my life today?

DISCUSSION: How do you create an environment of trusting, open relationships; where sharing intimate failures and successes are freely shared?