

Rising to the Call of Purity

Introduction

We live in the midst of a perverse generation—a generation of users.

Holiness to our wives and purity are inseparable.

1. Let's talk some more about what it means to practice holiness in our calling as husbands. We're admonished by the Apostle Paul in this regard. We see what we are not supposed to do and what we are supposed to do. I Thess. 4:3-5
 - A. First, Paul gave the positive responsibility of our calling.
 1. We are to be holy to our wives.
 2. We are to treat our wives as holy.
 3. This holiness or purity is to be practiced before we are married. 1 Tim. 5:1-2
 - B. Second, the negative responsibility was given. We are to abstain from sexual immorality and not to live in lustful passion like those who do not know God and thus are ignorant of their callings and their responsibilities. I Thess. 4:6; 4:17-20
 - C. Third, the apostle tells us why we are to purpose that holiness govern our relationship with our wives. I Thess. 4:6-8
2. Be transformed from using your wife to treating her holy.
 0. Be holy in your calling as a son of God.
 1. Be holy in your calling as a husband to your wife.
 - A. Look to God to fulfill your needs through your wife.
 - B. Put a guard on your eyes. Don't feed the wolf. Ps. 101:2-3; 6
 - C. Develop a protecting attitude toward your wife.
 - D. Clear your conscience with your wife and take back ground given to sensuality, self-service, and perhaps bitterness in your relationship

Be set apart for purity.