

**Dear Leader,**

To be honest, I was a little apprehensive about writing a purity study. Not that I do not think that purity is important; in fact I believe it is drastically important. It is just that growing up, the only thing I remember my student pastor ever talking about was sex. Maybe some of you remember the same church experience. I understand what my student pastor and student pastors all across the world were trying to do, but I fear some disservices were done to our generation.

Our faith was stripped down to this simple idea: just don't have sex. This left many of us bored, empty, and searching for more to life. My other big fear is that no one ever dealt with the real issues that led to our purity problems. I did not want to perpetuate any of these same problems in this generation.

Instead of shying away from the idea of a purity study, I decided to relish the opportunity to try doing things differently. I hope this study will get to the root of some of our students' struggles and give them something and, more importantly, some ONE to live for instead of just a list of things to avoid. Here is where we are heading in this study:

- Lesson 1: Stop looking for the line
- Lesson 2: Seeing it God's way
- Lesson 3: Real Relationships
- Lesson 4: Someone to Live For

Depending on your group, some of this will be repeat material; but just because they've heard it, don't assume they are living it out. Also, don't assume that they are completely wrapped up in sin. Just create an environment of trust and openness, love and grace. Out of this you will see where your group is and God will give you the wisdom to lead as He desires.

One final note: some of your students may share some very difficult and personal issues. Please know that if a student shares that they are in a dangerous situation, you have a responsibility to report it. You are not doing them any favors by keeping secrets. Do not be ashamed if it is an issue you don't know how to handle; just pass the information along to the proper, trustworthy people who are equipped to handle it.

Let's dig in and see if we can be God's tool to change the lives of our students, one moment at a time.

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