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The Vow of Purity

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. **Genesis 2:24-25 (NIV11)**

shame: buwsh; to be ashamed; to feel completely worthless

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.... ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Genesis 3:9-10 (NIV11)

- secrecy is the enemy of _____

The Vows

Vow # 1: I promise God will be my first priority and my _____ will be my second.

Vow #2: I promise to always pursue my two.

Vow #3: I promise our marriage will be about "we" and not "me"

Vow # 4 I promise to _____ in you and not _____ from you.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. **Ephesians 5:8-11 (NIV11)**

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. **Ephesians 5:3 (NIV11)**

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV11)**

⁸ Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, **Proverbs 5:8 (NIV11)**

How Can I Stay Pure?

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:9-11 (NIV11)**

¹³ Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. **Proverbs 28:13 (NIV11)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Psalm 119:9
- Ask God to show me any sin that needs to be cut out of my life.
- Tell someone you trust about any areas where you're feeling shame or struggling with purity.
- Stop doing life on my own and give myself fully into the hands of God as I accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord.