The Awesome Rewards of Sexual Purity

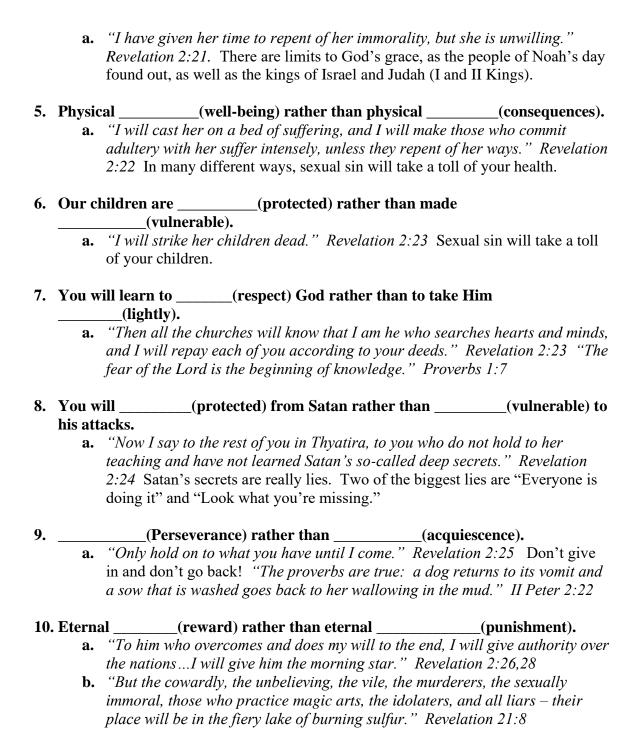
The world around us just doesn't get the power that is formed through the bond of sexual intimacy. The Bible says, "For this reason man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Genesis 2:24 This one-flesh bond has at least three components:

- A physical bond our bodies were created with reproductive organs; a variety of powerful effects happen to us when we are sexually intimate.
- *An emotional bond* a whole range of emotions are created by sexual intimacy that have an equally powerful effect on people.
- A spiritual bond this is unique to human beings. God created you with a spirit that is uniquely bonded with another human spirit when we are sexually intimate.

The church at Thyatira represents the church of the Dark Ages, from 606 AD to 1500 AD when the winds of the Reformation started to blow. One of the key ways in which the church at Thyatira was being affected was through a total redefinition of sexual morality.

Ten Awesome Rewards for Being Sexually Pure:

1.	A look	of(pride) from Jesus rather than a look of(anger).
	a.	"These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire."
	_	Revelation 2:18
	b.	"How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who
		has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing
		the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit
		of grace?" Hebrews 10:29 Purity brings the Lord's smile, while impurity angers Him.
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2.		(Forgiveness) rather than(judgment).
	a.	"These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire, and
		whose feet are like burnished bronze." Revelation 2:18
	b.	"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the
		new has come!" II Corinthians 5:17
	c.	"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and
		purify us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9
3.	A	(clear) mind rather than a(cloudy) mind.
		"Nevertheless, I have this against you. You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who
		calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into
		sexual immorality." Revelation 2:20
	b.	A physical, emotional, and spiritual bond with another person outside of the
		will of God will cloud your mind. By contrast, the person who is sexually
		pure will have a clear mind.
4	Grace	(extended) rather than grace(ended).
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Will you be an overcomer when it comes to sexual temptation?