

THE ONE—4 THE PROMISE OF PURITY

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

shame: *buwsh* (boosh); to be ashamed; to feel completely worthless.

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 3:7, 9-10

· **SECRECY IS THE ENEMY OF INTIMACY.**

FOUR PROMISES

#1: I PROMISE GOD WILL BE MY FIRST PRIORITY AND MY SPOUSE WILL BE MY SECOND.

#2: I PROMISE TO ALWAYS PURSUE MY TWO.

#3: I PROMISE OUR MARRIAGE WILL BE ABOUT "WE" AND NOT "ME."

#4: I PROMISE TO CONFIDE IN YOU AND NOT HIDE FROM YOU.

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

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity ... Ephesians 5:3

"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

"If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." Matthew 5:29

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

HOW CAN I STAY PURE?

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. Psalm 119:9-11

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

Talk It Over

1. How would you describe what shame and secrets do for relationships? How have you experienced this?
2. Share how you've overcome a secret. How have you been shaped by this experience?
3. When we talk about steering clear of the "line"... Where is this line for you? How do you stay away from it?