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**“PURITY GUARDRAILS”**

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Our series on ~~perfect~~ *real* families today takes us down a dark road. We live in a sexualized culture that bombards us with the destructive messages of sexual temptations. We are more accommodating of it than we realize. We may be closer to danger than we realize. God’s word has wise guidance for protecting sexual purity.

1. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3-6).
  
2. Run from \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8a).
  
3. Don’t step over \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8b).
  
4. Listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12-13).
  
5. Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14).
  
6. Remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15).

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*“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”* (Matthew 6:22-23, ESV).

**1. Realize the dangers (v. 3-6).**

*“For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home; now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait* (Proverbs 7:6-12, ESV).

**2. Run from temptation (v. 8a).**

*“Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house”* (Proverbs 5:8, ESV).

*“Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body”* (1 Corinthians 6:18, NLT)

*“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate”* (Genesis 3:6, ESV).

**3. Don’t step over the guardrails (v. 8b).**

*“...do not go near the door of her house”* (Proverbs 5:8b, ESV).

*Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22, KJV).*

*“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak” (Matthew 26:41, NLT).*

**4. Listen to the right voices (v. 12-13).**

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2, ESV).*

**5. Consider the consequences (v. 14).**

**6. Remember God’s perfect plan (v. 15).**

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