

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*

 – Hebrews 6:19

**7/12/24**

**Arrive & Eat Breakfast**

**Welcome**

**Prayer**

**Section 1 – Character - Chapter 2 – The War on Sexual Purity**

**Closing Prayer**

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**Chapter 2 – The War on Sexual Purity**

*I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am*! – Romans 7:23-24

Though you may not be aware of it, we are engaged in a daily war…a war for our sexual purity.

Satan is out to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10)

Satan is out to do whatever he can to attack the body of Christ, especially targeting the physical bodies and fleshly desires of Christians.

Satan’s desire is to bring down (spiritually attack):

* + Individual Christians
	+ Families
	+ Churches
	+ Nations

Leading to Spiritual Failure and Falling.

We have access today to more avenues of sexual temptation and pornography than ever before:

* + Television Programming
	+ Movies
	+ Magazines
	+ Internet Websites

Pornography is a “gateway” sin to other sins, especially sexuality.

2 million dollars is spent on pornography every second.

It devalues people (sees individuals as someone to sexually conquer and exploit).

It devalues spouses and families (leads many to leave and pursue other connections).

It is readily Available, has Low/No Cost, is relatively Private/Hidden (one’s own home)

Sexual Perversion is Celebrated (Encouraged) in Public while Sexual Purity is Ridiculed.

Sexual Failure is Increasing:

* Military Leaders - Parishioners
* Athletes - Pastors
* Politicians = Reputations, Relationships, & Futures are Ruined!

57% of Married Men, including Christians, admitted to being unfaithful.

74% would have an affair if given the opportunity and would not be caught.

 50% of Christian men say they are addicted to viewing pornography.

 51% of Pastors admit pornography is a personal temptation

 40% of Pastors are struggling with pornography (1/3 of which have looked at it within

the last month!)

The Body Out of Control

 Galatians 5:17

 (Internal Spirit-Flesh War)

 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

 (Body Sin, Lost Godly Unity)

**6 Walls for the War**

No Walls - Proverbs 25:28

 vs.

Walls for Protection & Security (Keep out Enemies, Tower to see incoming invaders) &

Provide a Sense of Peace and Security for those living within the walls.

“Screens against spiritual flies.”

1. Watch Your “Freedom” - Discipline & Resistance:

Galatians 5:13, 22-23 1 Peter 5:8-9

 (Spiritual Enablement) (Alert, Ready, Resistance)

Ephesians 6:10-13 1 Corinthians 9:27

 (Armored Up) (The Apostle Paul’s Approach)

 Don’t Spiritually Compromise Like Sampson (Judges 13:5, Numbers 6:3-60) (Pg. 59-60)

2. Watch Your Eyes:

 Genesis 3:6 2 Samuel 11 1 John 2:16

 (Forbidden Fruit) (David/Bathsheba) (Worldly Lust)

 Avoid: GIGO – Garbage In, Garbage Out… (Cable TV, Mail, Internet, etc.)

Filter out what is coming into your eyes, mind, and heart!

 CovenantEyes.com

3. Watch Your Isolation:

 Proverbs 28:13 Proverbs 18:24

 (Concealment) (A Close Friend)

 James 5:16 Accountability Partner(s) & Small Groups.

 (Confession) John Wesley’s weekly small group question:

“What temptation did you face this week and how did you overcome it?

4. Watch Your Whereabouts:

 Proverbs 7:1-27

 (Glowworms & Red Lights)

 “Modesto Manifesto” (Billy Graham Association) - “Never be alone with a woman.”

* + Avoids: Appearance of Evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22-23), Opportunity, Chance for False Accusations.
	+ No closed doors. Windows on doors, not windows of opportunity.
	+ Bring someone else along on trips, meetings, lunches, etc.
		- Jesus sent out his team two-by two. Paul traveled with Silas.
		- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

5. Watch Your own Wife and Family:

 Exodus 20:17 Ecclesiastes 9:9

 (Deal with Your Coveting) (Enjoy Life with your Wife)

 Malachi 2:14-15

 (Broken Relationship with God & Your Wife)

Proverbs 5:15-23 1 Corinthians 7:5 Nehemiah 4:14

 (Drink from your own Cistern) (Maintain a Healthy Sex Life with Your Wife)

 Ecclesiastes 9:9 Nehemiah 4:14

 (Enjoy Life with your Wife) (Be willing to Fight for Your…)

Nehemiah 4:14

 (Be Willing to Fight for…)

 (Re)Engage in your Marriage. Connect Romantically. “Date” Your Wife.

Be Reliable & Consistent. Share Spiritually.

6. Watch Your Relationship with Your “First Love”:

 Revelation 2:4

 (Forsaking our First Love)

 Matthew 6:33

 (First things First)

 John 17:17/2 Timothy 3:16-17

 (Sanctified by Truth)

 Luke 4:1-13/Matthew 6:6, 16-18

 (Prayer and Fasting)