

The Process of Immorality

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. James 1:14-15 (NLT)

Step One:

Step Two:

Step Three:

Step Four:

The Pathway Back To Purity

Acknowledge _____

(...after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba)
Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. Psalm 51:1-4 (NLT)

End The Relationship _____

Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts... Hebrews 3:15 (NLT)

_____ Contact With That Person

No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (MSG)

The Preventative Steps

Make A Commitment To God's _____

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. Psalm 119:9 (NLT)

Close your heart to every love but mine; hold no one in your arms but me. Love is as powerful as death; passion is as strong as death itself. It bursts into flame and burns like a raging fire. Song of Songs 8:6 (TEV)

Maintain Your _____

Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:5 (NLT)

Enjoy the wife you married as a young man! Lovely as an angel, beautiful as a rose— don't ever quit taking delight in her body. Never take her love for granted! Why would you trade enduring intimacies for cheap thrills with a whore?... Proverbs 5:18-20 (MSG)

Manage Your _____

Run from temptations that capture young people. Always do the right thing. Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with. Worship with people whose hearts are pure. 2 Timothy 2:22 (CEV)

But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances... 2 Timothy 4:5 (TEV)

...stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires. Romans 13:14 (TEV)

Monitor Your _____

I refuse to take a second look at corrupting people and degrading things... Psalm 101:3 (MSG)

I want you also to be smart, making sure every "good" thing is the real thing. Don't be gullible in regard to smooth-talking evil. Stay alert like this, Romans 16:19 (MSG)

Minimize The _____

Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence. 1 Corinthians 10:12 (MSG)

Do not be fooled. "Bad companions ruin good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33 (TEV)

Maintain Proper _____

Don't allow love to turn into lust, setting off a downhill slide into sexual promiscuity, filthy practices, or bullying greed. Ephesians 5:3 (MSG)

Magnify The _____

Adultery is a brainless act, soul-destroying, self-destructive; Proverbs 6:32 (MSG)

God wants you to live a pure life. Keep yourselves from sexual promiscuity. Learn to appreciate and give dignity to your body, not abusing it, as is so common among those who know nothing of God. (MSG) Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. 1 Thessalonians 4:6 (NLT)



Commitment
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Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex. Hebrews 13:4 (MSG)

The Problem

Adultery is a trap... Proverbs 22:14 (TEV)

Stay alert; be in prayer so you don't wander into temptation without even knowing you're in danger... Matthew 26:41 (MSG)

What Causes Affairs?

Unmet Needs

Unfulfilled Expectations

Under-Developed Self-Esteem

The Thrill Of Forbidden Fruit

Unresolved Conflict

Uncontrolled Thoughts

Unprotected Lifestyle

Unreliable Commitment