



# GODLY, EQUIPPED, ACCOUNTABLE, AND RELIABLE MEN

We will use the book [The Measure of a Man](#) by Gene Getz, which draws on the apostle Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus to discover 20 attributes of a godly man.  
Getting a copy of the book is encouraged but not required.

## MAINTAINING MORAL PURITY

Week 3 - September 28, 2020

### A. Defining moral purity - living by God's design for sexuality

**Matthew 19:4-6 - 4** And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (NKJV)

\* 4 truths from Matthew 19:4-6

1. Trust God's design of men and women
2. Understand the importance of leaving and cleaving
3. Commit to the one flesh principle
4. Elevate the ideal of Covenant marriage

### B. A Highly Sexualized Culture

1. Three-women men - In the Roman culture affluent men had at least three women in their lives. One woman was a slave that was kept for sexual purposes. Another woman was a prostitute at the pagan temple which was considered a religious rite in pagan religions. The third woman was the wife who was responsible to give birth to children and care for the family.
2. The Christian ideal of a one-woman man, 1 Tim. 3:2, Titus 1:6, was a radical concept in that highly sexualized society. Unfortunately, it is becoming more radical in our own culture as people abandon the teachings of Scripture about moral purity.
3. Moral purity was the standard for Christian men in the New Testament era, and it is the standard for Christian men today.
  - a. How can we embrace that standard?
  - b. Believe what the Bible teaches about sex (1 Cor. 6:9, 1 Cor. 6:18, Gal. 5:19, Heb. 13:4)
  - c. Don't tolerate sexual immorality (Eph. 5:3)
  - d. Embrace a higher standard - understand the difference between temptation and lust (Mt. 5:28)
  - e. Have a battle plan (Eph. 6:10-13)
  - f. Renew your mind (Rom. 12:1-2)
  - g. Be accountable (Prov. 27:17)

### C. Discussion (Pastor Cliff, Pastor Shannon, Pastor Tony)

- Why is moral purity important?
- What does it mean to be a "one-woman man?"
- Why should Christian men hold themselves to a higher standard of moral purity?
- What are some strategies for remaining morally pure in our highly sexualized culture?