



Sexual Purity Course Lesson 15

The topic of this study is corporate sanctification. God has designed it so that we mature and become more holy in the context of community. In simple terms, we need other people to help us in our walk with God.

Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 3:12-13; and 10:24-25.

Study:

1. Many people think of the pursuit of holiness as something that is done alone and apart from others. They think of sanctification as something they accomplish single-handedly, as if securing holiness was just a matter of *private* Bible reading and prayer. How do these verses challenge that idea?
2. Does this doctrine challenge the power of God in our lives? Does it imply that God is not enough for us? Does it suggest some limitation or inadequacy in Him? Explain.

Application:

One of the primary ways you are applying the doctrine of corporate sanctification is through regular scheduled accountability. Consider what these men wrote:

Those who have gotten help for sexual addictions know that they must lean on others committed to purity. This battle isn't won alone. When an addict, in bondage to sin, admits 'I am powerless to change,' he can then draw upon power outside himself – God above all, but also comrades in the fight (Randy Alcorn, *The Purity Principle*, pg. 88).

What will it take for you to achieve lasting success in battling lust? There is nothing more important than being connected and accountable in a local church. If you want to experience long-term victory over lust, you must lock arms with other believers (Joshua Harris, *Not Even a Hint*, pg. 133).

1. List some of the benefits of personal accountability.
2. Refuse to let sin isolate you. Stay open, honest, humble, and teachable.