

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Wednesday night couple's group
Week 8
"From this day forward"
Small group questions

Main Idea:

To have a healthy marriage, couples must strive for both inward and outward purity.

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- What are some specific things you are doing or need to do to seek and maintain purity in your marriage?

Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 7:10

Points to help explain:

To explain himself further, Paul contrasted two kinds of sorrow: **Godly sorrow**, which conforms to divine intent, and **worldly sorrow**, which does not.

Godly sorrow brings repentance. In this context, "sorrow" refers to regret and emotional pain, and "repentance" means a change of mind and behavior. When believers become aware of their sins, they often react with bitter sorrow. But they do not repent unless they change their lifestyles. **Godly sorrow** always leads to **repentance**. When true believers hear the rebuke of God's Word, they turn to God for cleansing and forgiveness. Thus, **Godly sorrow ... leads to salvation and leaves no regret.**

On the surface **worldly sorrow** may look similar to **godly sorrow**, but it **brings death**. The outcome of sorrow indicates its true nature. Even unbelievers may regret sins that they have committed, but this sorrow does not bring about God-centered repentance, and thus leads to **death**.¹

- What are some of the most common types of impurities you've seen try to filter into your marriage?
- Describe a time when you dealt with impurity. How did you deal with it and what did you learn from your experience?

ACTION STEPS:

¹ Pratt, R. L., Jr. (2000). [*I & II Corinthians*](#) (Vol. 7, p. 388). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Take steps to ensure maintaining purity is a priority in your marriage by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- Colossians 3:1-25
- Romans 13:12-14