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Deciding to Live a Lifestyle of Purity

"[God's grace] teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Titus 2:12-13



Power Praying

My journal is full of prayers I've written based on God's Word. I believe that the power of God explodes in our lives when we pray, but there's nothing quite like praying Scripture back to God rather than a list of whiny wants. Praying Scripture back to Him is like strapping two sticks of dynamite together. The power in your life is more than we can imagine. So let's start each journal entry with this, okay? I'll get you started this first time so you can see what I mean. Let's write Titus 2:12-13 as a prayer to God.

"Dear God, I desperately need Your grace to help me say no to my sinful passions. As far as feeling self-controlled, I have to admit that . . ."

Deciding to Live a Lifestyle of Purity

"You cannot attain purity all on your own. I cannot unveil to you some formula of protection. Your parents cannot tell you something that will keep you innocent. Only God can do that!"

BRIDE, 15

I began *Bride* with a peek into my wedding day. Once I chose to live a lifestyle of purity, dreaming of this day kept me on track. So dream with me! How will your wedding day look?



On page 14, I mentioned that we can be blindsided by worldly passions. We don't knowingly choose to sin; we just find ourselves caught up in it before we know what hit us. Have you ever experienced that—no matter how small or how large the collision with sin may have been? Describe that time.





Have you made a clear decision to live a life of purity? When I was blindsided by impurity, I realized that I'd never really chosen purity. Oh, I was aware of the expectations of my family, church, and God, but I'd really not made them my personal dreams and goals. It's not even that I'd rejected them. I just naively assumed that because I was surrounded by people who believed in purity, it would simply be how my life was lived. I truly believe this put me at great risk. How I wished I'd have been *proactive* in choosing purity. Pause here to write a formal declaration of your decision to live a pure life.

It's Your Turn

Write a letter to God. Explain to Him where you are in your struggle to stand pure before Him. It could be any area of your life—sexuality, substance abuse, language, anger—anything that is causing heartache in your life. Give each part of your history over to Him. Tell Him you are sorry if you have failed. Pray that He will keep you shielded from worldly passions. And specifically request Him to be your teacher while you are reading *And the Bride Wore White*.

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Go ahead. Write!









Mosaic Generation Challenge

Since the time of Eve, Satan has been lying. It's the only language he knows. And yet he's never had the success that he has had with your generation. I know! I know! Every older generation thinks the ones coming up under them face greater sin and temptation. Well, that's true. They do. As we look toward the coming of Christ, the Bible tells us that Satan will grow more and more furious. Revelation 12:12 says, "[Satan] is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." He knows that he's got less time than ever to dismantle the strength of believers, and he's unleashing his fury to a greater degree than ever. What are you going to do about it?

