

**“Love Thrives When We Get Purity Right”
(The 10 Commandments: Love Carved in Stone: Week 7)**

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A. Why the Ten Commandments? Review:

B. Commandment #7: Getting rid of the idol of pleasure.

- “The pursuit of happiness” ≠ the pursuit of pleasure.
- Pleasure is the idol that says: if it feels good, do it.
- If there is no God, how can we say Hugh Hefner is wrong?
⇒ The further God is removed from our culture, the more we are becoming desensitized to adultery.

C. Let’s get practical: How can we get sex right?

- The antidote to the idol of pleasure: purity. (Heb 13:4)
- Realize that in God’s eyes, each person is a treasure.
(John 3:16, page 741; Matthew 13:44)
- Everyone is a treasure, so their sexuality is a treasure.
 - The antique table story (*Your Single Treasure*, p. 27).
 - Point: If we sell ourselves cheaply before marriage, we will be treated cheaply after marriage.

If I were a table, my price tag would be \$_____.

- The secret to purity is to value one’s sexuality.
 - Parents, teach children: “You are a treasure!”
 - Singles, tell dates: “I am a treasure!”
 - Marrieds, treat spouse: “You are my treasure!”
 - Christians, in God’s eyes, you are His treasure!

D. Commandment #7: Do not commit adultery

- Sex is a treasure, so don’t devalue it.