

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in PURITY.

Hello Parents!

Since infancy everything is about Me, Mine and MY. MY toy, MY game, MY candy...but as we progress into adolescence and even into adulthood most of us never apply "MY" to our purity. *Why is that?* Also, most of us think purity is a matter of remaining a virgin until we get married. Well, that is a great Godly choice, but when it comes to living an entire life of purity somewhere along the way we never apply...**MY Purity**.



MY Purity Retreat is a time for 5th & 6th graders to come together and be exposed to God's desire and plan for an entire "life of purity" and how it's possible to live pure in an impure world. This retreat is NOT designed to teach your 5th or 6th grader about sex. As a parent you are the most powerful person in your child's life. It's God's plan that you lay the foundation for your child with respect to the Biblical model of purity.



If you haven't already had "The Talk" with your 5th or 6th grader then it's 99% certain they have already been exposed to it through school, music, videos and/or their friends. I am not trying to put fear in you because I know as a dad and pastor myself this subject is difficult, but it's one of the most valuable conversations that we as parents must be proactive in accomplishing. It is expected that parents have already had "The Talk" with their child prior to attending the MY Purity Retreat.

While this retreat will present appropriate terminology there will be discussions involving "Terms" that we want students to be familiar with. These Terms may include: *Virginity, Puberty, Sex, Intercourse, Making Love, Lust, Pregnancy, Pornography, Rape/Sexual Abuse, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Sexual Orientation: Homosexuality [Gay/Lesbian/Transgender], Abortion and Abstinence.* Please take quality time to discuss these terms with your child prior to the retreat.

Trust is going to be the key to your relationship with your child. We want to trust our children, but we also want our children to trust us. A healthy trust is developed when we communicate with each other without making the other feel embarrassed or lectured about purity. Spend more time listening to your children and answering their questions about purity rather than dumping a pile of information and weird words on them. Communicate, communicate, communicate!

Also, as a loving parent you are required to write a letter to your child and it needs to be personally addressed in an envelope to them. This letter should NOT be read by your child prior to arriving to the retreat. Please give the letter to your church leader who will then give it to your child at the retreat. The purpose of the letter is to connect and reaffirm your love for them and let them know that they are valuable to you and to God.

Finally, PRAY for your child. Pray in the days leading up to the retreat and while they are at the retreat! Ask God to renew your power as a parent in your own purity as well as giving your child a foundation to value and hold sacred and be able to say it's...**MY Purity!**

Blessings to your families,

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