

PRAY

... FOR A CHANGE

For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.
II Chronicles 16:9

Introduction:

- The Cuyahoga County Corruption scandal begs a few questions be asked and answered. But lest we think that only politicians, pop stars and pros blow it, think again.
- Even God-fearing people in both the Old and New Testament blew it and forever marred the legacy they could have left. And more recently, once-godly men at the “top of their game” have fallen to moral failure, thus begging the question, “How did they blow it?”
- Perhaps a better question is, “How can I live a legacy of moral purity?” And for that, the fourth request of Jabez’ prayer gives us the answer:

... And keep me from evil.

1. Remember Our Bodies Are Not _____.

You are not your own, you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body. I Corinthians 6:19,20

I Thessalonians 4:3-8

2. Set Boundaries As To:

- What you _____
I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. Job 31:1

- What you _____
We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
I Corinthians 10:5
Philippians 4:8

- Where you _____
Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go your way.
Proverbs 4:14-15

3. _____!

Flee the evil desires of youth. II Timothy 2:22
Flee from sexual immorality. I Corinthians 6:18

It is always easier to **AVOID** temptation
than to **RESIST** it.

4. You May Even Have To _____.

Matthew 5:27-30

Do your thoughts trip you up when you’re with a certain person? Stop hanging out with them. Does a certain kind of music charge you up erotically? Stop listening to it. Do you take phone calls you shouldn’t? Block 900 phone sex numbers so you can’t call them from your home. If these things seem like crutches, fine. Use whatever crutches you need to help you walk.
Randy Alcorn, **The Purity Principle**, p. 65

Conclusion:

I am willing to commit to doing _____
to maintain my sexual purity and live a legacy to my generation.