

What is the path back to God look like if I've failed?

1st and foremost be _____.

2. You receive _____.

David in Psalm 51 A cry of repentance

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit,
to sustain me. Psalm 51:1-3, 8,12

3. You love _____.

Jesus with the Pharisee named Simon

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
...41"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him
five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42Neither of them had the
money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which
of them will love him more? 43Simon replied, "I suppose the one who
had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus
said.

44Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see
this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for
my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her
hair. 45You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I
entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46You did not put oil on my
head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47Therefore, I tell you,
her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has
been forgiven little loves little." Luke 7:40-47



HOW TO STAY PURE IN A SEX-SATURATED WORLD

"God wants you to be pure and to keep clear of all sexual sin. For God has not called us to be dirty minded and full of lust but to be holy and clean." 1 Thessalonians 4:3,7

I. Make a commitment to _____

Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ. Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous. 1 Corinthians 3:13,14 the Message

"How can anyone keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word." Psalm 119:9

God's response to opposing His design for the sexes

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, Romans 1:18

God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, **27**and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. Romans 1:26,27

God created sex for three purposes.

1. For pleasure between a _____

“Honor marriage and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.”

Hebrews 13:4

2. For physical, emotional and spiritual _____

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:24,25

And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, “The two are united into one.”

1 Corinthians 6:16

3. For _____

“Be fruitful and multiply.” *Genesis*: both to Adam and Eve and later to Noah and his family.

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II. Manage your _____

1st Pitfall to avoid:

Don't accept _____ in your mind.

Principal: What you think about will eventually effect how you feel and how you feel will eventually somehow come out in your behavior or how you act.

“Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts.”
Proverbs 4:23

“Turn your back on lustful thoughts and give your positive attention to goodness, integrity, love, and peace.” 2 Timothy 2:22
(Philips Translation)

2nd Pitfall to avoid:

Avoid _____ involvement.

This is where not only your head is involved but where your heart gets involved as well.

3rd Pitfall to avoid:

Avoid _____ involvement.

These pitfalls will lead to _____

“The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?”
Jeremiah 17:9

A Recovery Model I Once Used To Overcome My Own Lust

- **Ask yourself am I embracing my sin or am I ashamed of it?**

If it is the latter then:

- **Find a trusted believer(s) to make your confession to and ask them to hold you accountable**
- **Confess regularly about your struggle.**
- **Control your thought life with all that you are**
- **Pray and ask God to help you with your temptation**
- **Fast after a failure.**

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
James 4:7

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
1 Corinthians 10:13