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# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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SEX WAS MADE TO MATTER.

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**For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

GALATIANS 5:14 NIV

### DAY 1

PRAY // Ever feel like following God just involves obeying a whole bunch of rules? You know . . . What not to do, what not to say, what to avoid. I bet people who were starting out in faith back in the first century felt that way, too. Which is why what Paul says here is such a relief! The law really just comes down to one thing: love. And not just feel good, sappy love. It's love that elevates the value of other people. It's love that puts aside what you want, to show the other person that they matter. Yes, there are far fewer rules than perhaps we thought, but the one we need to make sure we get right asks a lot of us. Today, ask God to show you one way you can love your neighbor as yourself today as you go about your normal routine.



**God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-4 NLT

### DAY 2

HEAR // Control. Not usually a word we like the sound of—especially if we feel like we're the ones being controlled. But in this verse, control is made to sound like a good thing. Why? Because control over our bodies *IS* a good thing. And when we don't have control over them, they end up controlling us. The truth is, your body is yours; it doesn't own you. You call the shots. And you do that by showing control. When you have control over your body and what you do with it, you're going to be more likely to make choices that honor it—and honor others. So, who has control? You or your body?



**Run from sexual sin!  
No other sin so clearly  
affects the body as  
this one does. For  
sexual immorality  
is a sin against your  
own body.**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18 NLT

### DAY 3

LIVE // Have you ever seen a movie where someone is about to make a terrible choice and you scream at the screen, "RUN!!!" In those moments, you can see what the character can't, and with your perspective, you know they're about to get in a lot of trouble. Paul is telling us the same thing when it comes to making poor choices sexually. He knows that in the moments when sexual sin is right in front of us, we often lack perspective and are at risk of making an unwise choice. So, Paul says we ought to avoid—or RUN—from the places, times, and people where you know you may find yourself in more trouble than you can handle. Remember: Paul tells us to run because he wants what's best for us. And when we don't run, chances are we'll make a choice that hurts us and other people long term.



**How can a  
young person  
stay pure?  
By obeying  
your word.**

PSALM 119:9 NLT

### DAY 4

HEAR // Being a teenager can be difficult. Whether it's friendships, relationships, school, or sports, you are living with a lot of expectations and pressure on you. In Psalm 119, the longest chapter of the Bible, nearly every single verse mentions God's Word. And in this verse, the writer says that, when it comes to navigating your specific stage of life, God's Word is crucial. The word "obey" here means to observe, keep watch, or guarded. In other words, when it comes to being a teenager, the best thing you can do is keep watch over God's Word. Allow what He says to guide your decision-making and relationships. To keep your life as pure or clear of regrets as possible, take God's Word seriously. It won't disappoint!



**The temptations in your  
life are no different from  
what others experience.  
And God is faithful.  
He will not allow the  
temptation to be more  
than you can stand. When  
you are tempted, he will  
show you a way out so  
that you can endure.**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 NLT

### DAY 5

PRAY // Ever feel like everyone else's life is easier than yours? In a social media world, it's easy to think you are the only one who doesn't have it all together. But Paul reminds us that our temptations and struggles in life are not unique. You're not alone. EVERYONE struggles—even if you can't see it. And even better news? God is faithful. Meaning, He is trustworthy and He can be counted on. He will not leave you alone to face temptations and struggles alone. He's walking with you. And that's good news! You aren't alone in what you're facing, and you aren't alone as you work to overcome your temptations. Today, ask God to give you the strength you need to overcome any struggles or temptations you're dealing with right now.

