


 A graphic featuring the words "bubblewrap love" in a cursive font. "bubblewrap" is in black and "love" is in red. The text is flanked by two hands holding a roll of bubblewrap.

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PRECEPT

ROMANS 6:13

¹³Do not let any of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have a new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

PROMISE

The foundational understanding of love in the Bible is that God is love. Love is a sensitive and delicate topic generally twisted by the enemy. Did you know 90% of adolescents say that they find out about sex, porn, or drugs from their peers, television, or the internet? The Bible has been clear about lust; porn, but the church has been silent about it. What ends up happening is that many get this image of sex that is against the image God has given. Many struggle with this truth; many stay quiet and don't wanna talk about it, more so the church. If the church doesn't stand up and start opening the topic about lust, we are letting the enemy win.

Saying the word sex is very awkward because we're given the idea that sex is wrong. Sex is God's idea and it's a great thing inside the context of the idea that God meant for it to be. Sex can only be wrong outside of the context that God meant for it to be. The enemy has twisted sex in so many ways that it has been perverted. He corrupted the idea of gender and that if you can't get sex, you can watch porn. Matthew 5:28 says, "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Sex is sacred. God bubble-wrapped the idea of sex, putting it in a container for it to go in, for it to be safe and that is marriage.

BE HUMBLE (DON'T BE OVERLY CONFIDENT). Someone who is overly confident is usually the ones who fall. Don't fight a future temptation if you can eliminate it right now.

BE ACCOUNTABLE (CONFESS YOUR SINS). Psalm 32:5 says, "Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone." Be accountable to God, to your spouse, and your life group leader, or members. Pray and fight this battle together.

BE AHEAD OF THE GAME (GET THE NECESSARY HELP). Ask for help, seek guidance, and go to therapy. Let's be the church that will be transformed and will obey God. A church that will talk and fight this matter.

PRACTICE

1. Understanding. Did your mindset about becoming better change in anyway? How?

2. Understanding love. Is there anything that's hindering you from having the same mindset as David? How can we encourage and pray for you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Healing

- Pray for comfort and healing for those who are battling physical and mental illness.

II. Justice

- Pray for justice and redemption for those who are oppressed and marginalized.

III. Courage

- Pray for courage to face the unknown and faith to trust in God's guiding hand.

IV. Life Groups

- Pray for the formation of more life groups in our church for God's glory.

V. Retreat

- Pray for a meaningful and blessed couple's retreat.

VI. Families

- Pray that our homes will be filled with God's presence.

VII. Marriages

- Pray for unity and selfless in marriages.