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- The objective standard is set by God
- The standard is purity and holiness

## 2. Failing to rise to the standard

- What does not hitting the mark look like?
- Pursue holiness
- What if I have fallen short of the standard?

## 3. Rising to the standard

- Biblical tips for pursuing purity

# There is a Standard

- **The standard for mankind's morality is set by God.**
  - Joseph and David understood this (Genesis 39:7-9; Psalm 51:4).
- **It does not ebb and flow at the whims or pressure of society. Matthew 19:6**
- **God's standard is purity of heart and action.**
  - Applies to all people (young and old, male and female, married and single):
  - 2 Timothy 2:22 instructs the young.
  - Hebrews 13:4 shows God's approval of the marriage bed.

# Failing to Meet the Standard

- **What is sexual immorality?**
  - **Picture Proverbs 7:6-23.**
  - **Missing the mark doesn't always include the physical.**  
**Matthew 5:27, 28**
- **Avoiding sexual immorality while not pursuing purity is not meeting God's standard.**
  - **1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:22**
- **What will happen to the sexually immoral?**
  - **Depends. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

# Rising to the Standard

- **Biblical tips for avoiding sexual immorality:**
  1. **Cling to God's grace**
    - 1 Peter 1:13-19
  2. **Be aware that you are vulnerable**
    - Proverbs 7:24-27
  3. **See the consequences (6:27, 28)**
    - Proverbs 6:30-35; 5:11, 12
  4. **Be careful with words**
    - 5:1-3
    - 6:23, 24
    - 7:21