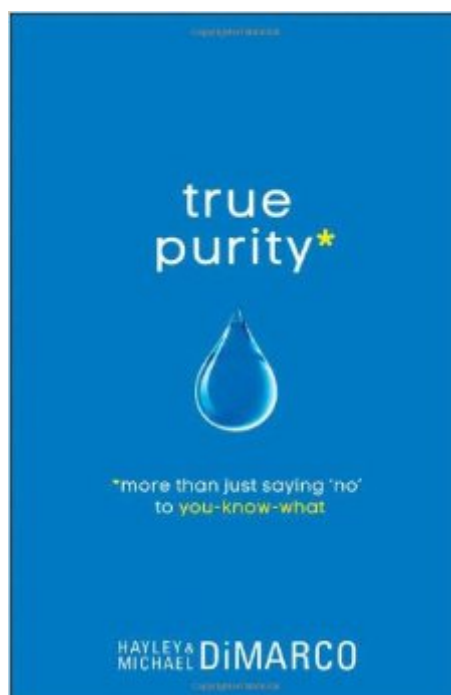


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# True Purity: More Than Just Saying "No" To You-Know-What



## Synopsis

Purity. What exactly is it? According to bestselling authors Hayley and Michael DiMarco, purity is far more than abstinence from sex or other sexual activities. It's not about rules. It's not a list of don'ts. It's not about scare tactics, teen pregnancy statistics, or warnings about STDs. And it's not ruined the moment we mess up. It goes way deeper than that. In their honest, down-to-earth style that teens trust, Hayley and Michael explain that purity starts in the heart and involves every thought, desire, and action--not just sex. They show that purity isn't just for the superspiritual, but that it is a daily choice that every teen must make. And most importantly, they show teens that it's never too late to become pure and that lost purity can be redeemed through God's grace.

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Books in the Christian Living genre often have the same kind of message: "It's all about God, not about us." This book is no different. When it comes to purity, it is not about us doing or not doing certain things in order to earn our collection of purity medals. It about God drawing us to himself. True purity is started by God, sustained by God, and awarded by God. We are pilgrims on a journey watching how God does that, and when need be, to avail ourselves to be purified by God. Purity begins with God. It is God's work, not ours. For the DiMarcos, purity for us is a matter of the heart. How have we completely given ourselves over to God, his purpose, his desires, and his passions? The moment we fail to love God with our 100%, we are due for a spiritual tune-up. The book uses metaphors like water and light to describe the journey to purity. Whether it is water that washes us clean, or like light that shines into darkness, the work is God's, not ours. For our devotion, our love,

our relationships, our future, and our everything to be pure, we need God's light to shine through the crevices of our lives. Five areas are covered with regards to letting our focus on God be pure. Firstly, in the area of love, the authors touch on the subject of dating and love. Instead of asking ourselves questions like, "Can I do this?" or "How far is too far?" we ought to change our questions. More helpful will be to do some self-examination: "Why am I in this relationship in the first place?" In doing so, as we begin to realize that our goal in life is not mere happiness, but holiness, we will have a true perspective of living holy lives in our love relationships. Secondly, in the area of community, the DiMarcos touch on friends and friendship. There are three categories of friends.

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