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## **Money, Sex and Power**

### **Sex: The Urge to Merge**

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#### **How can I purify my sexual desire?**

**Romans 11:33-36 (NIV):** Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

#### **Recognize that our sexuality comes from a good God.**

**Romans 12:1 (NIV):** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

#### **Decide who’s calling the shots.**

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#### **Avoid the mold of culture.**

Where are we ‘pressed’ into culture’s mold?

- Sex = Identity
- I can’t help what I feel
- Everyone does it
- I will always struggle
- I must have a sexual outlet
- No one is being hurt
- More sex = More life

#### **Be transformed by thinking differently over time.**

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#### **Pure desires spring from a purposeful heart.**

**Romans 12:3-5 (NIV):** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

**Humble yourself to community.**