

“The Edge” Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Relating to the Opposite Sex

Read [I Thessalonians 4:3-5](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. What does the word “holy” mean? (Answer- to be separate to God, to be distinct, it means progressively growing to be more like the Lord who said, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”).
2. As believers we should never ask how far we can go and not step over the line. Instead, we should attempt to do everything to stay as far away from the line as we possibly can. With that in mind, discuss why Paul tells us to “stay away from all sexual sin.”
3. In verse 3, Paul clarifies a very important aspect of God’s will, discuss what that will is.
4. God has given us a higher calling in the area of relationships with the opposite sex. Our approach to these relationships should be different from that of our societies’. Take a few minutes and talk about how we should approach these relationships in view of Paul’s teaching.
5. Parents, if you are willing, share a time with your student when you didn’t approach a relationship with the opposite sex with the right purpose in mind and the effects it had on you and the other person.

Read [II Corinthians 6:14-15](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. What command does the Lord give us in verse 14?
2. Discuss why Paul states not to be **teamed up** with those who don’t have a relationship with him. How does this affect marriage, dating, and courting?
3. Discuss the importance of boundaries with the opposite sex and the need for someone to hold us accountable.
4. Pray together as a family that God will help you work together to live lives of holiness and purity, that would honor God, when relating to the opposite sex.

For further discussion topics on this subject read the following:

- [I Corinthians 6:18](#)
- [Psalm 119:9](#)
- [Proverbs 6:20-25](#)