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FAMILY
MINISTRY

Commitment to Purity Dessert Celebration

When talking with your son or daughter about God's plan for purity for their life, the desire is that they will make a commitment to pursue purity. The temptation on your part will push for a commitment immediately following your last conversation, have it signed, then copied in triplicate. However, it is important that their decision come out of desire, not obligation. Tell your son or daughter, after the conversations you've had, you hope they will commit to purity. And then, either:

- 1) Let them know that you want to check back with them in a few weeks (after they've had time to process) to see if they're ready to make a decision.
-or-
- 2) Tell them that you will wait for the time when they're ready to come back to you with a decision.

When your teen makes a Commitment to Purity, it is time for the Celebration! This is a commemorative event where you specifically make a big deal about their decision to commit to God's plan for purity for their life. Here is what we'd recommend:

Celebration Prep

Tell your teen that their decision warrants a celebration, but before the celebration is to take place, they must first write a letter to their future spouse explaining their decision to pursue purity.

- This letter will be shared at the dessert celebration
- This letter will be given to Mom or Dad for safe keeping and eventually given to your son or daughters' future spouse.

Additionally, before the celebration, you will write a letter to your son or daughter sharing your pride in who they are becoming. Include specific things you love about them at this age and even express some of your hopes for them in the future.

- You will bring this letter with you to the celebration (to show that you've finished it) but you will not read it out loud. You will add this letter to the collection of letters written for the other milestones. This letter, along with the others you save, will be given to your son or daughter at their final milestone celebration: the Graduation Banquet .



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Dessert Celebration

It's now time to celebrate! We suggest going out for dessert.

- This can be fancy (Cheesecake Factory) or casual (Coldstone or DQ).
- Go out as just father/son or mother/daughter. Make this a special occasion and an intentional time together.

It would be meaningful to give a gift during the celebration. Here are a few ideas, but feel free to incorporate your own creative or meaningful gift.

- Reminder of the commitment
 - Purity Ring
 - Necklace or earrings
 - Watch or Wallet
 - Something old or blue to be used at their eventual wedding.
- Symbol of Purity
 - An ornate key to symbolize their control of their purity
 - A clear quartz rock to keep on a shelf
- Induction into manhood or womanhood
 - Boys
 - Pocket knife or decorative sword: (symbolize duty to protect purity in the women you date)
 - Engraved zippo: (Reminder that fire inside a fireplace can bring warmth while a fire outside a fireplace can bring destruction. Same thing with sexual desire and marriage. Also communicates trust.)
 - Girls
 - Valuable jewelry item: not to be worn necessarily, but something she is being trusted with.
 - Lockable keepsake box

The celebration together can be as structured or as casual as you'd like. Here are some key aspects we think should be included:

- 1) Obviously, you need to order some dessert!
- 2) Sit down and have mom or dad "open the ceremony" with a few words about why they are celebrating this important decision.
- 3) Have son or daughter read the letter they've prepared.
- 4) Giving of commemorative gift and explanation of symbolism.
- 5) Reminder that you have started an open line of communication and that you desire for it to remain open.
- 6) Prayer together.