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mpc nightchurch

growing followers of Jesus

Welcome, especially if you're a visitor or newcomer. We hope you enjoy being part of nightchurch, where our mission is to teach the bible in a way that makes sense in our 21st century world. If this is your first time with us, **PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITORS CARD** so we can get to know you!

Supper Roster to be completed tonight - please sign up at supper counter.

It's not easy **being green**

Joshua-Judges-1 Samuel

1. Choosing to be different...

- Joshua's speech

2. Judges - Who's in Charge?

1. No other gods

2. No King

Failure 1 - Other gods

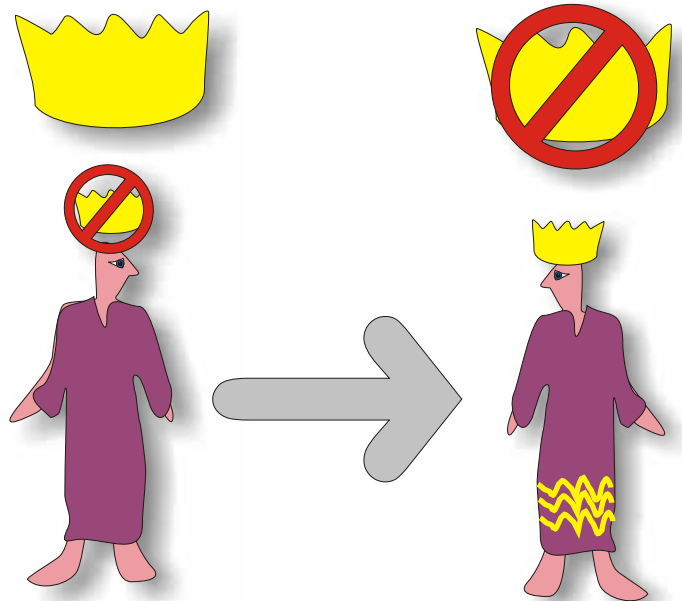
Judges 2v7-10, 3v7-10, etc

Failure 2 - The Call for a King

Gideon (Judges 6)

- an attractive invitation declined (8v22)

- a sad refrain (17v6, 18v1, 19v1)



3. A King for Israel (1 Samuel 8v5)

- we don't want to be different

4. The Difference Jesus makes...

- a king for you? (Acts 17:7-9)

Different ambitions

Different actions

Different attitudes



growthgroup sign-on
TONIGHT



Pure Sex?

I reckon this book undersells itself. Because for all the people they say would benefit from its content it leaves one important group off the list. And that is: Those who think they know everything about sex ...but in fact DON'T!

This book is a good read for everyone. Whether single or married, whether pursuing a partner or contented to staying single. It's a book for guys and chicks alike.

It's a book for parents, grandparents ...in fact anyone that is interested in the lives of those around them and are not afraid to talk about sex in appropriate ways and settings.

After a brief introduction the book moves straight into a historical account of the trends that have on the one hand, lead to sex being a more open subject for public debate and opinion, while on the other hand along with increased sexual freedom has come increased sexual problems. Well-known sexologist Bettina Arndt ...once an outspoken advocate for sexual freedom, now concludes that it's gone all too far and that the "...intact two-parented family offers children distinct and life-lasting advantages."

It briefly addresses the issue of whether biblical Christianity has anything relevant to say, followed up by a more extensive chapter full of biblical input.

A further brief, but well thought out overview of why the sexual revolution of the 60s came about is covered in the next couple of chapters, which in turn are followed up by some more serious biblical input, which concludes aptly with the following comment:

'Sex in our society is off the rails. It is out of control. And this leads us to ask: Is there any way out of this mess?' The authors Tony Payne & Phillip Jensen don't leave us in a quandary as to the answer.

Over the final couple of chapters they take us back into the world of the New Testament, especially to those places where any attempt to understand a more pure view of sex was laughed

at, ridiculed, and seen as simply restricting a person's freedom of choice to doing what they liked whenever they liked!

From there, Payne & Jensen skillfully contrast God's design for sex with that of the world's view, with both ending up at the Cross of Christ. Because it is in the Cross that the ultimate debate is both won and lost. It is in the Cross that the darkness of rebellion is defeated and the light and life of a radical new way of thinking and living is granted to all who want to follow God's plans and purposes for their lives, including sex.

This is a very insightful and helpful book that leads to a clear biblical understanding of the subject of 'pure sex'.

The book is easy to read. It's not high-brow theology. A couple of times I was distracted by what I thought to be unnecessary cynicism and unhelpful comments, with one or two oversimplifications chucked in, ...but overall ...a darn good book to read, in fact in view of the time we live in, ...I reckon it's a must to read. And as I said at the outset, this is a great book for anyone of an adolescent age and upwards to read, which includes all of you involved in leadership and ministry to young.

It is not only a good book for the individual to read, but could be very easily adapted to a group setting.

Take my advice – read it – and learn from it.

Maurie Cropper



Pure Sex

by Phillip Jensen and Tony Payne
Matthias Media
Regular Price \$15
Our price \$10

10 copies only - see Andrew Tuck tonight