

“Purity is Easy...Until It Isn’t”

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- What** A teenaged/young adult male and female talk through the difficulties of trying to stay pure and the different pressures for each gender.
- Themes:** Dating, Sex, Teens, Peer Pressure, Duet, Gender Differences, Student Ministry, College Ministry, Sermon Illustration
- Who** Teen/young adult Male
Teen/young adult Female
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Modern clothing- all black or black top with jeans would work well. Actors can also wear a black hoodie with the hood pulled up to shadow their face. This will create a sense of mystery and privacy conveying the sensitivity of the subject. No props needed.
- Why** Psalm 119:9; 1 Timothy 4:12; Psalm 51:10
- How** **Director’s Note:** With the sensitivity of the subject, it is essential that the proper tone be set with the audience prior to the start of the skit. It would work well to introduce the subject prior to the skit.
- The actors play off each other. It would work well to have them on separate sides of the stage. Their frustration should mount as they work through their lines. Speak distinctly and pace yourselves well. Don’t speak too slowly but be careful not to rush your lines. There shouldn’t be much pause between the male and female lines. It should be as though they are completing each other’s sentences.
- Time** Approximately 2 minutes

Face the audience. Speak clearly and don't rush your lines. Add emphasis to drive home certain points/words. Address the audience unless otherwise stated.

Lights up.

Guy: I am one of the last of my kind.

Girl: There are very few of us left.

Guy: *(slowly, pause between words)* I...am.... *(looks at the girl)*

Girl: *(look at the Guy with a determined look and speaking boldly)* I...am...
(after a 2 second pause, look at the audience, less confident) NOT sure how to talk about this. *(give a subtle nervous laugh and cross your arms)*

Guy: *(look at the audience and shrug)*

Girl: *(to the audience)* Why is this so difficult to say? I mean, there are many ways to phrase it. But the best most descriptive word to describe it is the most difficult to say.

Guy: Especially in mixed company.

Girl: Yes.

Guy: It should be seen as an honor but instead, it feels...shameful *(look to the ground)*.

Girl: *(looking at the guy and say softly)* Yeah. *(pause for 2-3 seconds. Look at the audience. Deliver with a little frustration in your voice)* Ok, this is ridiculous. I'm just going to say it. *(pumped up, hopping up and down on her tiptoes, shaking her hands to the side like she's getting ready to do something that takes a burst of energy)*

Guy: *(looks at the girl)*

Girl: *(look up, take a deep breath and let it out loudly then shut your eyes and deliver the line)* I...am...a...Vir...gin. *(lets out a breath again and opens her eyes)*.

Guy: *(looks at the audience and points to the girl)* What she said.

Girl: That wasn't so bad, right?

Guy: I can't believe you said it.

Girl: *(looking at the guy, angrily)* Don't judge me!

Guy: I'm not. Seriously. I just can't believe you had the courage to say it out loud. I'm impressed, actually... *(softly)* and embarrassed *(look back at the Girl)* at myself! I hate that I was too big of a coward to say it.

Girl: Then, say it with me.

Guy: *(looking at her for a few seconds)* Yeah, Ok.

Together: *(looking at each other)* I...am...a... *(look at the audience)* virgin.

Guy: *(look at the audience with wide eyes)* Well, that was awkward.

Girl: Yep.

Both pause for 2-3 seconds looking awkwardly away from each other.

Guy: *(to the audience)* When did this topic become so important?

Girl: It's all anyone can talk about.

Guy: It used to be easy to avoid sex.

Girl: Guys never gave me a second look.

Guy: Girls were friends, ya know? One of the guys.

Girl: Then one day...

Guy: Suddenly...

Together: That all changed.

Girl: Guys started noticing me.

Guy: Girls that were never a thought...became all I could think about.

Girl: Don't get me wrong, it's nice to be noticed, but... being noticed brings the added burden to do things.

Guy: It's different for guys. If I don't have sex, I'm not a man.

Girl: I can't say I don't wonder what it'd be like.

Guy: Even if we're just hanging out or doing something lame like sitting together at school, my thoughts...man...my thoughts are all over the place.

Girl: I WANT to wait until I'm married; but what if that never happens?

Guy: *(more intense)* The temptation...is...insane.

Girl: Girls that don't *put out* don't get *asked out*.
This next part should build with intensity. Deliver the lines quickly up to the pause.

Guy: I don't want to give in.

Girl: I'm afraid I'll give in.

Guy: What if I can't stop?

Girl: I keep saying no...

Guy: But, next time...

Girl: Next time...

Both stop, take a deep breath, and let it out. Pause for 2-3 seconds. Look at each other.

Guy: Then say it with me. *(start walking to the center of the stage; calmly and confidently)* I. Am. A virgin.

Girl: *(begin walking to center stage in step with the guy. Deliver your line right after his)* I. Am. A virgin. *(keep walking until you are facing each other center stage. Look at each other for a second. Give each other a nod and a smile)*

Guy: *(turn to the audience and say)* We are virgins.

Girl: And we'll ALL stand stronger...

Together: Together.

Lights out.