

Marriage and Family Part 4

Maria has become friends with a boy at school she really likes.

One day he asks her to send him an inappropriate picture of herself.

When he sees that she is hesitant to do so, he tells her that it's not that bad and that a lot of other students are sharing pictures like that.

Maria worries that if she does not send him the picture, he and his friends will make fun of her and she might lose his friendship.



What could Maria do to act in faith in this situation?

What might be some worldly assumptions or ideas that could cause someone to think that asking for or sending these kinds of photos is not immoral or wrong?

What gospel doctrine or principle might help Maria in this situation?



Importance of Chastity and Virtue

The prophets have taught about the importance of chastity and virtue.

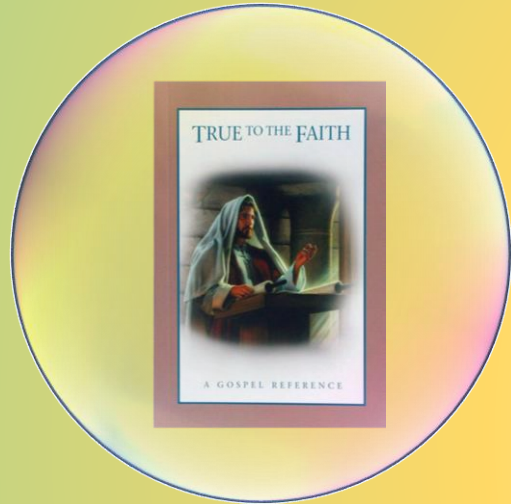
“Chastity is sexual purity. ... To be chaste, you must be morally clean in your thoughts, words, and actions” (1).



What are some of the differences between prophets' teachings about chastity and virtue and the world's attitude toward these things?

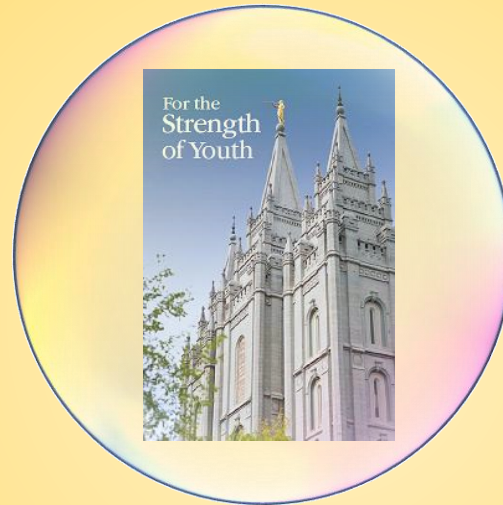
Chastity is a part of virtue, which is “a pattern of thought and behavior based on high moral standards” (2)

Divinely Appointed Sources:



True to the Faith

For the Strength
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General Conference talks



*There is none greater in
this house than I; neither
hath he kept back any
thing from me but thee,
because thou art his wife:
how then can I do this
great wickedness,
and sin against God?
Genesis 39:9*



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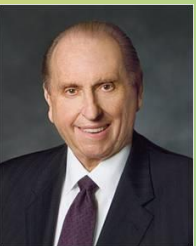
“My young friends, be strong.

The philosophies of men surround us. ... Do not be deceived. ... You know what is right and what is wrong, and no disguise, however appealing, can change that.

The character of transgression remains the same. If your so-called friends urge you to do anything you know to be wrong, *you* be the one to make a stand for right, even if you stand alone.

Have the moral courage to be a light for others to follow.

There is no friendship more valuable than your own clear conscience, your own moral cleanliness—and what a glorious feeling it is to know that you stand in your appointed place clean and with the confidence that you are worthy to do so.” (3)



Sources:

Suggested Hymn: #239 Choose the Right

1. True to the Faith: A Gospel Reference [booklet, 2004], 29
2. Young Women Personal Progress [booklet, 2009], 70
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