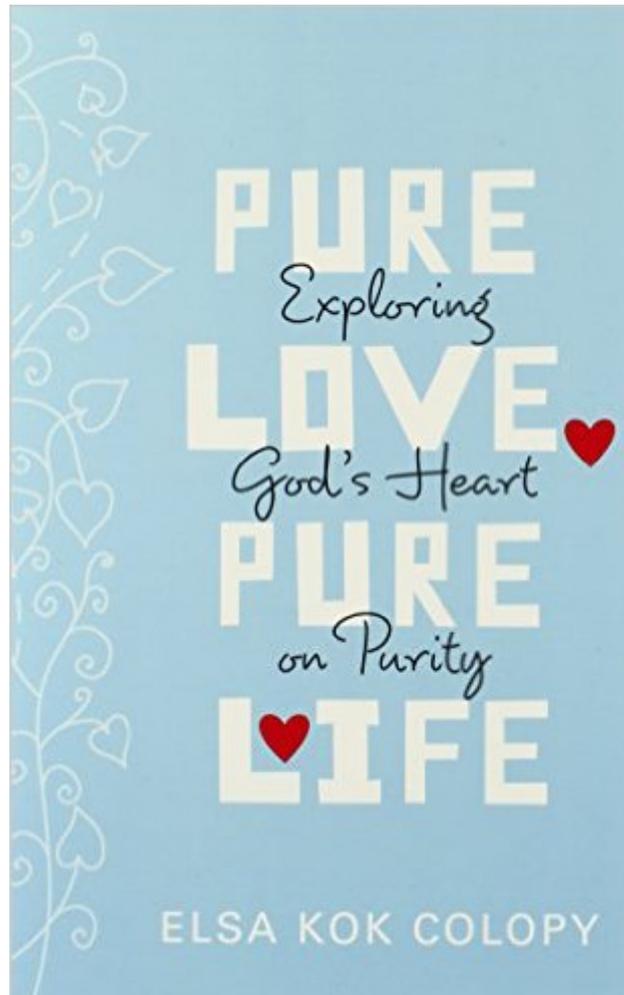


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Pure Love, Pure Life: Exploring God's Heart On Purity



Synopsis

I crafted every portion of you and I am delighted with my work. I have a purpose and a plan for your life, and I will walk with you every step of the way. Will you trust me? When you think of purity, what comes to mind? Perfect behavior? Impossible standards? Everything focused on waiting for that special guy? If so, you're not alone. The good news is purity isn't just a list of don'ts "don't think that way, don't look that way, don't act that way. It's a God-designed plan for a happy life. Honest, humorous, and real, Pure Love, Pure Life provides practical tools to help you navigate the temptations and frustrations you face every day, stories from girls who have been there, and tips on what to do if your pure life takes a detour. Discover a new vision of purity, how you can live it in today's broken reality, and why it's worth the effort.

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Customer Reviews

Right now, all three of my daughters are grown, and two of them are married. But I still feel like I belong in the target demographic for this book. Purity is a life, not just a one time choice. We live in a world that claims fifty shades of gray; we need to desire God's pure white no matter what age we happen to be. Elsa grabbed my heart with her open and honest introduction to the book. I've read several books on the topic of purity, but the ones that tend to capture my attention are the ones that read as genuine from the opening page. Else doesn't try to hide her choices from the girls and young women she's trying to reach. She knows that it's better to write from a place of authenticity than perfection. Especially when perfection is pretty much impossible. I've told my girls there's a reason God spent so much of the Bible encouraging us to run from sexual sin. Once sexual sin has a hold

on you it never lets go without a knock down, drag out fight. But Elsa is quick to point out that a fresh start is always available through Jesus. That is SO important for you to hear, I'm going to repeat myself: A fresh start is ALWAYS available through Jesus. Elsa breaks down what Biblical purity is and what it's not, and encourages girls (and guys as well!) to make Jesus the Person in charge of any relationship. Elsa talks about not letting fairy tales and movies define romance for us, and about having a plan before the first guy calls for a date. She also is candid about second chances, and I really want girls to get this message: with God, you can always get a do-over if you are honest and place your life in His hands. But trust Him before you make a move or a decision and spare yourself lots of heartache and scars.

Elsa Kok Colopy was raised in a family that went to church. She was a boy crazy elementary student. She was looking for her knight in shining armor that she saw in all the tv shows and movies that she grew up watching. When she got into her teenage years, she began having sex. As an adult, she got married, had a child and got divorced. She realized that she needed to turn to God. She saw that He wanted to be her knight in shining armor. Slowly, she turned back to Him. She discovered that living pure was what she thought, did, saw, and chose to experience. After twelve years of being a single mom, she met her husband and they kept their dating relationship pure. They choose not to be sexually involved until they were married. Pure Love Pure Life explains Elsa's journey to purity. It also shows the reader had to stay or get on the path to purity. This is a book geared toward teenage girls, but it can be beneficial to anyone who reads it. Elsa points out that God not only wants us to be sexually pure but also pure in heart, mind, and body. This book focuses on sexual purity but Elsa explains that everyone needs to have an all-around pure life in God. She makes the point that you need to know why God wants you to stay pure, if you are going to stay pure. There are Bible verses throughout this book that show us how to live pure. We learn there are benefits of purity and consequences of impurity. This book is great to show that we should be getting our view of sex from God and the Bible not from music, television, magazines, or the Internet. At the end of each chapter there are discussion/journal questions to help bring everything together. There are questions and answers at the end of the book on subjects that weren't discussed in the book. This book doesn't preach to the reader.

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