

## THE RING CEREMONY

**Leader:** There was a time when many walked habitually in the pathway of the world. We lived according to the flesh, but God made us alive through Christ.

**All:** We commit to a life of purity.

**Leader:** God is rich in His mercy toward us, that while we were dead in our sins, through the grace of Jesus, we have been made alive forevermore.

**All:** Forgive us for the days and years we have spent watching, reading, listening, and experiencing vile and impure things.

**Leader:** We are each new creations today.

**All:** Create in each of us a clean heart, oh God.

**Leader:** Lord, cleanse Your church.

**All:** Restore Your glory.

**Leader:** Make the crooked passages of our lives straight today.

**Students:** Restore our joy.

**All:** We are Your children.

**Adults:** We will place no corrupt thing before our eyes.

**Students:** As students.

**Parents:** As parents.

**All:** As ministers and as a church family.

**Leader:** Hear, oh Lord, in this sacred hour, on this holy ground, our commitment to You and each other.

**Leader:** Lord be glorified as our students commit:

**Leader:** (*Students repeat after the Leader*) Believing that true love waits ...I make a commitment to God, ... myself, ... my family, ... my friends, ... my future mate, .... and my future children ... to a lifetime of purity ... including sexual abstinence ... from this day ... until the day I enter ... a biblical marriage relationship.

**Leader:** Lord be glorified as our adults commit:

**Leader:** *(Adults and Parents repeat after the Leader)* Believing that true love is pure, ... I join these students ... in committing to a lifestyle of purity. ... I make a commitment to God, ... myself, ... my family, ... and my community of faith ... to abstain from pornography, ... impure touching and conversations, ... and sex outside a biblical marriage relationship ... from this day forward.

*(Parents or adult mentors, present the ring to your student.)*

**Leader:** Students, may this ring be a reminder of your commitment to purity. It was given to you by someone who loves you and supports you in this commitment. Wear it with the knowledge that your purity is for God's glory. On your wedding night you are to give this ring to your spouse as a celebration of promises given and promises kept. May it also be a symbol of your continued sexual purity and the provision found in the gift of your spouse.