

You know, I've heard it said several times in today's world that it really isn't important to keep yourself pure for marriage... that men really don't expect that anymore and might even prefer that you NOT be pure on your wedding night.

Girls, don't listen to that! It is a lie from hell. Purity does still matter, not only to you and God, but to guys as well.

Case in point: a few days ago one of my younger son's friends who attends public school was talking to me about his desire to homeschool. I, of course, told him I would be happy to help his mother in any way I could, and I told him about a high school homeschool co-op he and my son could join. So the two 16/17 year old boys were happily conversing in the back seat of the car while I drove them to his house.

"Are there any pretty women there?" my son's friend asked, speaking of the co-op.

"Nah man," my son told him, "I mean... there are pretty girls there, but they're the kind you marry. You know... they're all like my sister."

"Like your sister?" He was very surprised. "You mean they *all* cook and stuff?"

"Yeah. You have to, like... go to their house and... *court* them. If you want women, man, you have to go to the school."

My son's friend just nodded, looking thoughtful. He had already proposed to my daughter one night after he found out she'd made the fruit pizza and banana pudding he'd found in our refrigerator.

He got away with proposing to my daughter because he's my son's very best friend and he frantically promised the marriage would be in name only. Otherwise I'm not real sure what my daughter's over-protective older brothers would have done to the poor guy.

My younger son's friends pride themselves on being a unique bunch of guys. Among them you can find long hair, short hair, lip rings, earrings, tie-died hippie types, vegetarian types, musicians, jocks, even a couple of Christians, but the one thing they all have in common (and I *have* asked all

of them) is that they eventually want to marry a woman like my daughter... someone who is virginal, someone who knows how to cook, care for kids, and keep a home. They might play around with other types of woman, but when it comes to settling down, **purity counts!**