## LIVE IT!

## Ten Ways to Practice Chastity

- 1) Pray. Thank God for the gift of sexuality, and ask for the strength to live a life of chastity.
- 2) Seek out a parent or another adult that you can talk to when you have questions about sexuality.
- 3) Focus on making friends—not romance—with people of the opposite sex.
- 4) Learn to turn a critical eye toward media messages that use sex to sell products.
- 5) Remind yourself that your value is not dependent on whether and how much you date.
- 6) Stay away from drugs and alcohol. Impaired judgment on a date can lead to trouble.
- 7) If you are on a date and things get out of hand, call a friend or a parent for a ride home.
- 8) If you have a boyfriend or a girlfriend, communicate openly and set boundaries about touching.
- 9) Remember that more teenagers are not having sex than are having sex.
- 10) Make a pledge to avoid intimate sexual activity until you get married (visit the Web *site-www.truelovewaits.com*.

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