

STUDENT ENCOURAGES WOMEN TO LIVE WITH A PURE HEART

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To fulfill her call, Karyn started her own organization, launching a website (www.staypure33.com) devoted to connecting women to the church and within the church to strengthen the bonds between them all in order to strive together to achieve pure and holistic lifestyles—spiritually, emotionally, physically, and mentally.

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