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chaste  (chāst)

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adj. **chast·er, chast·est**

1.
 - a. Not having experienced sexual intercourse; virginal.
 - b. Abstaining from sexual relations that are not sanctioned by certain religious laws or moral principles.
 - c. Abstaining from sexual relations; celibate.
2. Not involving or suggestive of sexual desire or indecency: *a chaste kiss; a chaste conversation.*
3. Pure or simple in design or style; austere.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *castus*; see **kes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

chaste **ly** *adv.*

chaste **ness** *n.*

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