

SEXUAL SINS
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Sex is beautiful. One's fulfillment from sex is hard to measure. However, it is meant to occur from within a marriage! But since Adam and Eve's fall from grace, human sexual practices have drifted from God's purposes. In fact, if we are not careful to look to our Heavenly Father and follow His teaching in this area, we live a life which makes us slaves to sin and fails to bring glory to our Lord. Human sexuality is an attractive aspects of God's plan for His children here on earth. Let's keep it that way.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you are harassed with sexual sin, you are not alone. Even King David -- a man after God's own heart -- wrestled with sexual sin. Perverse men and women do not make it easy when you are struggling with this addiction – Read James 1:13; Proverbs 6:20.

FREEDOM IN THE TRUTH

Too often, we step onto the wrong path in our sexuality because we fail to act upon God's truth. Jesus, in one passage of the Bible, examines the freedom found in truth, and the enslaving power of lies. In that passage, the Lord puts it plainly: the truth sets us free. We either respond to the truth or to Satan's lies (John 8:31-47). Recognizing the truth about sex can be an important first step to achieving victory over sexual sins. First, God wants His children to enjoy the beauty of appropriate sexual relationships. The King of the universe has much to say in His Word about the joys to be found in a marriage where both husband and wife know and love Christ (Gen. 2:24-25; Prov. 5:19; Song of Solomon).

However, the devil, the accuser of our souls, constantly tries to wreck God's plans. He lies to us, tempting us to believe that we can grab hold of sexual pleasures apart from a marriage commitment. He uses day-to-day pressures and our own sinful nature to accomplish his purposes.

And what begins as merely a "wandering thought" can quickly tempt us to act sinfully (James 1:14-15). These sins can involve pornography, fornication, adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, and other ungodly sexual practices. No matter what sins overcome us, we must recognize that lust is at the root of our sin (1 John 2:16; Gal. 5:16-20). Lust blinds us and leads us deeper into sexual sin (1 Tim. 4:1-2; Rom. 1:21-27; Eph. 4:17-19). Each sin results in the same end (Rom. 6:23) and can carry deadly consequences of disease, and worse: spiritual death.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Proverbs 5:15-19

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

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But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 7:9

But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

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