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- The biblical clarification: Flee sexual activity _____ of marriage between a man and a woman.

The Character of God...

- God has created our bodies for His ultimate _____. (6:13, 20)
- God has designed our bodies for our eternal _____. (6:12-14)
 - Sex is _____. (Gen. 2:24; Prov. 5:3-10)
 - Sex is _____. (Prov. 5:15-20; Mal. 2:14)
 - Sex is _____...it is obviously physical, yet deeply spiritual. (Gen. 4:1; Eph. 5:22-23)
 - Sex is _____. (Gen. 1:28; Song of Sol. 2:13; 1 Cor. 7:5)
 - Sex is _____. (Eph. 5:28-31; 1 Cor. 7:3-4)
 - Sex is _____...it involves the mind, the body, and the soul. (6:13-15; Mt. 5:28; 2 Cor. 6:14)
 - Sex is _____...when it comes to both gender and kind.(Gen. 2:18-24; Lev. 18:22-23; Rom. 1:26-27)

The Sinfulness of Man...

- Sin disorders our _____. (Rom. 1:18-21)
 - We exchange God’s pattern for our _____. (Prov. 14:12)
 - We exchange God’s praise for our _____. (1 Pet. 2:11)
 - We are all _____ with a heart of pride. (Gen. 8:21; Ps. 51:5)
 - We are all _____ toward sexual deviation. (1 Thess. 4:3-8)
- Sin disorders our _____. (Rom. 1:21-25)
 - We exchange God’s Word for our _____. (Rom. 8:5-8)
 - We exchange truth for _____. (John 8:31-36)
- Sin disorders our _____. (Rom. 1:24-27)
 - We exchange sexual responsibility for supposed _____. (Rom. 6:1-4)
 - We exchange what Scripture says about our desires for what _____ says about our desires. (Gal. 5:16-21)
 - Improper sexual desire is _____, not inevitable. (Eph. 5:3-5)
- Sin disorders our _____. (Rom. 1:28-32)
 - We exchange moral _____ for natural explanations. (Rom. 2:14-16)
 - Causation does not mean _____. (Gen. 4:6-7)

- We don't always choose our temptations, but we do always choose our _____ . (1 Cor. 10:13)

The Sufficiency of Christ...

- Jesus has _____ our bodies with His blood. (6:20)
- Jesus has _____ our bodies with His body. (6:15-17)

The Necessity of Faith...

- _____ from your sin and yourself. (6:12-14)
 - We are free _____ bodily sin that harms so deeply, controls so quickly, and devastates so painfully.
- _____ in Jesus as Savior and Lord. (6:18-20)
 - We are free to enjoy His great purpose for our bodies as we exalt His great glory with our bodies.

The Urgency of Eternity...

- I According to the sure judgment of God, unrepentant sexual sin leads to _____ . (6:9-10; Mat. 5:27-29; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5; Jude 1:7; Rev. 21:8)
- Only by the sheer grace of Christ, humbly repentant sinners enter into _____ . (6:11; Rev. 21:6-7)

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Supreme Court Reaction...

- It is good to be _____...about the degradation (and supposed redefinition) of marriage. (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:22-33)
- It is right to be _____...about religious liberty in our country.(Mat. 22:21; Acts 4:18-20; Rom. 13:1-7)
- It is imperative to be _____...toward our gay and lesbian friends and neighbors. (Gen. 1:26-28; Mat. 22:37-39; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- It is wise to be _____...in the resiliency of marriage, in the opportunity for the gospel, and in the sovereignty of our God. (Mat. 19:4-6; Eph. 5:22-33; Rev. 19:1-10)

Clear Sexual Prohibitions...

- No sex outside of _____. (Exodus 20:14; Lev. 20:10; Prov. 6:28-32; Mat. 19:17-18; Rom. 13:9; Heb. 13:4)
- No sexual _____. (Deut. 23:17; Ex. 32:2-6; 1 Cor. 10:8)
- No sexual prostitution (Lev. 19:29; Deut. 23:18; Prov. 6:25-26) or _____. (Ez. 45:9; 1 Cor. 13:4-5; Eph. 5:25)
- No _____ activity. (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26)
- No sex with animals (Lev. 18:23-24; 20:15-16), relatives (Lev. 18:6; 1 Cor. 5:1-2), or _____. (Mat. 18:5-6)
- No sexual _____...having wrong sexual desires for others.(Mat. 5:28; Ex. 20:14-17; 2 Pet. 2:14)
- No sexual _____...provoking wrong sexual desires in others.(Rom. 14:21; 1 Tim. 2:9-10)
- No sexual _____ (including inappropriate emotional attachment)outside of marriage. (Prov. 4:23; 5:1-23; 7:1-27)
- No sexual _____ (Gen. 9:22-24; Job 31:1-4; Mat. 5:27-29) or touching (Deut. 25:11-12; Heb. 13:4) outside of marriage.
- No _____ ourselves with or joking around about sex outside of marriage. (Eph. 5:3-12)

Common Practical Questions...

- How far is too far between a single man and a single woman?
 - Three God-ordained categories...
 - The _____ relationship: sexual activity prohibited. (Lk. 10:25-37; 1 Cor. 7:7-9)
 - The _____ relationship: sexual activity prohibited.(Lev. 18:6; 1 Tim. 5:1-2).
 - The _____ relationship: sexual activity commanded. (1 Cor. 7:1-5)
 - One God-glorifying conclusion...
 - _____ of whether you are single or married, flee any and all sexual activity outside of marriage. (1 Cor. 6:18-20; 1 Thess. 4:3-8)
- What about masturbation? (Gal. 5:24; Rom. 13:14)
 - God designed sex to be relational; masturbation is _____.
 - God designed sex to be covenantal; masturbation is _____.
 - God designed sex to be intimate; masturbation is _____.
 - God designed sex to be fruitful; masturbation is _____.
 - God designed sex to be selfless; masturbation is _____.

- God designed sex as a complex union; masturbation involves personal _____.
- God designed sex as a complementary heterosexual act; masturbation is a personal _____ act.
- How do I fight pornography?

Final Gospel Exhortations...

- _____ of (and run from) any and all sexual activity outside of marriage. (1 Cor. 6:18)
- _____ in (and run to) sexual activity in marriage. (1 Cor. 7:1-5)
- Receive today (and rest in) the _____ and freedom, hope and _____ that are found in Christ alone.

THE GOSPEL AND PORNOGRAPHY

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:11

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

The Character of God

- Cultivate unshakeable zeal for the glory of God's name. (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Sam. 12:10-14; Mat. 6:9-10)

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9-10

- Acknowledge your sexual drive as a good gift from a gracious God. (Gen. 2:24-25; Prov. 5:18-20; 1 Cor. 7:3-5; Gen. 39:7-9)

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:24-25

The Sinfulness of Man

- Run from every temptation, knowing that one sin is enough to warrant infinite damnation. (Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Rom. 13:14; Job 31:1)

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

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.

So glorify God in your body.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

- Guard yourself with godly friendships and gospel accountability. (Heb. 3:12-13; 10:24-25)

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:12-13

The Character of Christ

- Contemplate the price Christ paid for your purity. See Him writhing on a cross in agony. Fight tempting images with that image. (1 Pet. 1:13-19; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 10:26-29; 1 Cor. 6:15-17)

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute?

Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her?

For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

1 Corinthians 6:15-17

- Consider the compassion Christ has for the souls of men and women. Love and pray for them; don't exploit and abuse them. (Mat. 9:36; Jn. 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:16)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

The Necessity of Faith

- Believe that God is for you...and knows what is best for you. (Ps. 34:8-10; 84:11-12; Rom. 8:32; Mk. 10:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:13)

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Psalm 34:8-10

- Memorize and meditate on Scripture. (Ps. 119:9-11; Ps. 1:1-2; 1 Jn. 2:14)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9-11

The Urgency of Eternity

- Ponder the eternal danger and destruction associated with sexual sin. (Mt. 5:27-20; Mk. 9:43-48; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5-6; Jude 1:7; Rev. 21:8; Rev. 22:14-15)

You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent

has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin,

tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members

than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin,

cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members

than that your whole body go into hell.

Matthew 5:27-30

- Ponder the eternal delight and joy associated with future salvation. (Ps. 16:11; 73:25-26; Phil. 3:12-21; Rev. 19:1-8)

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,

like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder,

crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen,

bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Revelation 19:6-8