



Part 2 (Lesson 13)

## **Living In Purity & Avoiding Sexual Immorality**

*The Bible has much to say about purity and sexuality. Although secular culture would lead us to believe that almost anything goes when it comes to sexual behavior, the Bible gives us God's plan for lifetime, relational fulfillment which includes sexual fulfillment within the confines of marriage. In this lesson we will look at what the Bible teaches us about sexual purity and the warnings it gives us regarding sexual immorality.*

### **I. The Call To Purity**

A. Read 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 and find answers to these questions within the passage. In this passage we are told specifically that our body is not for what? **(Sexual Immorality)**

Our body is for what **(the Lord)** ?

1. What reasoning is given in v. 15-17 for us not to be joined with a prostitute in immoral sexual activity? **(Because being joined with them in immoral sexual activity causes us to become one with them in body. We are to be joined with Christ instead in spirit.)**

2. According to v. 18 what are we to flee and why? **(We are to flee from sexual immorality because it is the only type of sin that is actually a sin against our own body.)**

3. In v. 19-20 how is your body described? **(As a Temple of the Holy Spirit)**

Who does your body belong to? **(It belongs to God)**

What should we do with our bodies? **(We should glorify God with our bodies)**

## II. Warnings Against Adultery

A. Jesus told us in Matthew 19:4-6 that when a man and woman are joined in marriage they become **(one flesh)** . This shows how sacred marriage is in God's eyes. We are told that what God has joined together **(let no man separate or take apart) (From this we can see that marriage is designed by God for a lifetime together as one.)**

B. What admonition is given to us in Hebrews 13:4? **(Marriage should be held up in honor among all and the marriage bed should be undefiled.)**

What warning is given with the admonition? **(God will judge fornicators and adulterers)**

C. What commandment is given in Exodus 20:14? **(You shall not commit adultery)**

D. What warning is given in Proverbs 6:32? **(The person who commits adultery is lacking sense and is bringing destruction into their life.)**

## III. The Need to Flee Immorality

A. Read Ephesians 5:1-3. What admonition is given in v.3? **(Immorality, impurity and greed should not even be named among Christians.)**

B. What command and warning are given in Colossians 3:5-6? **(We are to consider ourselves dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed. Because of these things the wrath of God will be poured out.)**

C. The deeds of the flesh are revealed in Galatians 5:19-21. What are the first 3 things that are listed? **(Immorality, Impurity and Sensuality)**

D. What command are we given in Romans 6:12? **(Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts.)**

E. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:2-7. According to v.2-3 what is God's will for us? **(Our sanctification)** What is it that we abstain from as a part of this? **(Sexual Immorality)**

In v. 4-7 what instruction is given about how to obtain a marriage partner and about what practice to avoid? **(We are to obtain a partner through sanctification and honor, which is God's plan of marriage. We are to avoid adultery.)**

F. According to 1 Peter 2:11 what do fleshly lusts do within us? **(They wage war against our soul.)** What do you think this means? **(This means that these lusts seek to lead us into things that destroy our relationship with God and bring destruction into our lives.)**

G. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13. What evil thing was happening within the life of someone in the church body? **(Sexual immorality with his step-mother)**

What instructions were given to the church about this situation? **(Because he was unrepentant he was to be removed from the church.)**

#### IV. Pornography

A. Romans 13:14 – What are we instructed not to do? **(We are instructed to make no provision for the flesh in regards to its lusts.)**

B. What truth about purity and sexual immorality is given to us in Matthew 5:28 by Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount? **(Sexual purity is more than just right actions but also involves purity of thought. Impure, lustful thoughts equates with immoral acts.)**

C. What principle related to this can we see in James 1:13-15? **(Temptation comes from our own lusts within. Lusts bring about sin and sin leads to death and destruction.)**

Pornography involves sinful lusts within the mind and heart. This is clearly spoken of as sin within the Bible. Sinful thoughts within the mind will eventually effect outward actions as well in one way or another. Many Christians struggle with pornography. If you find that you are struggling with this sin note the instructions found in 1 John 1:8-9 and James 5:16 as you seek to be free from this sin.

#### V. Homosexuality

A. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and list the sins that we see here are considered “unrighteous” and can prevent us from inheriting the Kingdom of God. **(Fornication, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, theft, covetousness, drunkenness, slander, and extortion or swindling)**

B. In 1 Timothy 1:9-11 we are told that the law is for the ungodly and sinners. A list of descriptive terms is used to describe various aspects of sin here. List these here **(Those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching)**

C. What does God describe as an “abomination” in Leviticus 18:22-23? **(Homosexuality and Bestiality)**

Though the term “abomination” is used many times in Scripture it should be noted that this is only time in the book of Leviticus that the term is used though the book is filled with commands and warnings. The Hebrew word for “abomination” speaks of something that is morally disgusting.

D. What lifestyles and actions of those in Sodom and Gomorrah are described in Jude 1:7? **(Gross Immorality and Perversion)**

Read Genesis 19 to understand more about the immorality that was prevalent in Sodom and Gomorrah. Notice that homosexuality was a notable part of their sexually immoral practices.

E. Read Romans 1:18-32. What is the root problem seen in v. 18-23? **(Denying the clearly revealed truth that God is the creator of all things.)**

What is the result within a culture of not acknowledging and thanking God as Creator according to v. 24-27? **(Homosexuality among men and among women)**

Note these descriptions “degrading passions”, “unnatural” and “due penalty of their error”

What further consequences are seen in v. 28-32? **(Reprobate minds within people)**

Romans 1:18-32 describes what has happened in America within the past 75 years and what is continuing to happen in greater degree today. Living within this culture increases the urgency for believers to seek to grow in and live in sexual purity.

Conclusion – God created the sexual relationship between a man and a woman. He is not against it, and the enjoyment it brings, inside the confines of marriage. He has designed this to bring true fulfillment within a lasting, loving relationship.