

# Fleeing Sexual Immorality

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*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

## **INTRODUCTION**

- A. Fornication is a big problem.
- B. We, as Christians, need to know how to stay away from it.

## **WHAT IS SEXUAL IMMORALITY?**

- A. 1 Thess. 4:3-4.
- B. 1 Cor. 7:2
  - 1. One rule of biblical interpretation is that you define words by the context.
  - 2. In these contexts, the opposite of sexual immorality is sex in marriage. Therefore, sexual immorality is sex outside of marriage.

## **WHY SHOULD WE FLEE SEXUAL IMMORALITY?**

- A. It is the will of God (1 Thess. 4:3).
- B. Our bodies belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
- C. Sexuality is reserved for marriage (1 Thess. 4:4; Heb. 13:4).
  - 1. Sex was created to be in marriage.
  - 2. The unmarried have every right to look forward to their wedding night.
- D. God has called us to purity (1 Thess. 4:7).
  - 1. Our lives are to be holy, pure.
  - 2. Nothing will damage a Christian's influence quicker than immorality.
- E. God will judge the immoral (Heb. 13:4; Gal. 5:19-21).
- F. Corinth and Thessalonica were very immoral cities.
  - 1. The Greeks even invented a word *korinthiazesthai* which literally meant to live like a Corinthian.
  - 2. It meant to live in a state of drunkenness and immorality.

## **HOW DO WE FLEE SEXUAL IMMORALITY?**

- A. In order to flee sexual immorality, we must guard our minds (1 Tim. 5:2; Phil. 4:8).
  - 1. This would rule out pornography, much of television, many movies, etc.
  - 2. This would rule out dwelling on sexual fantasies.
  - 3. Paul impresses on Timothy that people are not sexual objects.
- B. Be careful whom you date.
  - 1. Prov. 7:10-23.
  - 2. Prov. 6:27-28.
    - a. Dating certain people is playing with fire.
    - b. Even when we date the right people, we need to set down ground rules.
      - 1) Bedrooms should always be off limits.
      - 2) Pray on a date.
      - 3) Cars should never stop.
      - 4) Stay public.
      - 5) Never do anything you'd be embarrassed to tell your parents.