

## **The Truth About Sex**

### **Matthew 6:27-30**

Cultural obsession with sex.

-\$12 Billion pornography industry

now pornography has found a new explosive growth market from the graphic image porn targeting men to the narrative porn targeting women as we have seen in the 50 Shades of Grey

-sex sales: TV rating Sex in the City

-Christians sexually active before marriage and inside of marriage

-purity and virginity is ridiculed in public

#### **1. Adultery is far more than infidelity**

adultery begins in the heart

others may teach that it is stimulated by some external force that tempts the person to do evil - no it is the heart

-to have victory you need to know the enemy

#### **\*Consent does not mean pure**

to consenting adults can commit adultery - have sex before marriage; involve others

#### **\*When it comes to sex - it is not anything goes**

-open marriage

-prostitution

-incest

-polyamorous relationships

-cohabitation

-adultery

-even the use of marriage to bring adultery

-homosexual behavior

#### **\*God's love does not mean that you define real love**

no God's love demands that Jesus explain how damaging it is for you to disobey the Lord

-church in San Francisco just changes their views on sexuality because preventing perversion did not create human flourishing

what gives God the right to prescribe this

His creation and His sovereignty

#### **\*Desire in the heart does not make it right**

lust is a sin and it does hurt someone including yourself  
Pornography does not hurt anyone and is fine

Beauty should provoke worship of the Lord and valuing of the lady

lust does neither -lust consumes

## **2. The flesh can't be trusted**

The culture tells you to begin a process of sexual self discovery where your fleshly desires lead you to experience your sexuality in a manner that interests you, appeals to you, and fulfills you.

The culture calls your sexuality identity. It is the who that you.

Jesus Christ says exactly the opposite.

He says the flesh can't be trusted. In fact, if your eye causes you to sin - then pluck it out - your flesh can't be trusted. Jesus uses hyperbole in these verses

### **\*the flesh is at war with God**

**Romans 8:7-8: "Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."**

flesh is at war with God

**Ephesians 2:1-3: "And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."**

flesh is evil and godless

**1 Corinthians 2:14: "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."**

flesh has two advantages: 1 - more real than God because it is natural - 2 flesh has control first

### **\*the flesh brings death**

**Romans 8:6: "For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace."**

-The flesh disappoints

-the flesh defiles

-the flesh destroys

humans destroy the beauty of God's creation in the environment;

Purity and beauty - the more beautiful someone is then the greater the demand for the flesh to destroy it - to take the place of God

humans want the place of God over their bodies, over creation; over sexuality

but you will never have it - death is a reality because of it

**1 Corinthians 6:18: "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."**

-the flesh dooms

Jesus says that to allow the flesh to lead is so damaging that it would be better to eliminate the part of the body leading than it would be to follow its leadership

### **3. Sexual Purity leads to life**

you can be pure

-Wise up

see it from God's perspective - my experience on the plane 10 years ago

and don't be ignorant of those who would take it from you

the young and needy

-Shape up

#### **A) Guard your ego and emotions**

isolates

over confident

become needy emotionally - ladies romanticize things; man gets into the hunt;

#### **B) Guard your eyes**

Potifers wife:

**Genesis 39:7: “And it came to pass after these things that his master’s wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, “Lie with me.”**

**Proverbs 6:25: “Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.”**

Look at a man’s eyes