

# SEXUAL IMMORALITY/IMPURITY/DEBAUCHERY/PERVERSION

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### **The Blessing and Gift of Sexual Intimacy**

God created sexual intimacy for marriage between a man and a woman. He gave this wonderful gift for procreation and to regularly celebrate the love between a husband and his wife. Marital intimacy is created to be pleasurable, and God has fashioned and equipped the human body to enjoy sexual intimacy. However, this pleasure is to be enjoyed **ONLY** in marriage. The consensual sexual behavior between a husband and wife is holy and honorable before God and to be received and enjoyed as a gift from Him. (Genesis 1:27, 28; 2:24, 25; Song of Songs; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Ephesians 5:31-32; Hebrews 13:4) All sexual behavior outside of the covenant of marriage is sin. Such behavior is identified in the Bible as the sins of sexual immorality or impurity. President Clinton's own Biblically misinformed definition of 'sex' has misled many and as a result, has led to condoning sexually immoral behavior. A clear Biblical explanation is necessary in order to understand what God calls sexual immorality/impurity.

#### **The Sins of Sexual Immorality: What Are They?**

- .1 **Sexually Immoral or Impure Conduct-** The physical touching or viewing of any sexually sensitive body part with the intent of sexual pleasure. This behavior includes **voyeurism** [the viewing of any sexually sensitive body part with the intent of sexual pleasure], **masturbation** [the physical touching by oneself with the intent of sexual pleasure], **adultery** [sexually immoral or impure conduct of a married person with someone other than their spouse], **fornication** [sexually immoral or impure conduct between unmarried people], **incest** [sexually immoral or impure conduct between immediate family members], **homosexuality** [sexually immoral or impure conduct between same gendered people], **pedophilia** [sexually immoral or impure conduct between an adult and a child], and **bestiality** [sexual conduct between a person and an animal]. We will examine on pages 2 and 3 below several of the texts that identify these sins.
- .2 **Sexually Immoral Attire for both Males and Females-** Dressing in a manner (intentionally [the desire to arouse or seduce] or unintentionally) which invites attention to sexually sensitive body parts; thereby stimulating temptation in oneself and/or others. Genesis 38:14, 15; Proverbs 7:10; 1 Timothy 2:9, 10.
- .3 **Sexually Immoral Speech-** Verbally communicating sexually immoral or impure thoughts or conduct. Genesis 39:7-12; Proverbs 5:3, 6:24; 7:5-21; Ephesians 5:3, 4; Colossians 3:8.
- .4 **Sexually Immoral Attitudes-** Attitudes intended to communicate sexually immoral thoughts or conduct. Exodus 32:6 cp. v.19; Proverbs 6:25, 7:6-10; Matthew 5:28; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Timothy 5:1, 2.
- .5 **Sexually Immoral Heart and Mind-** Lusting; the mental desire to engage in sexual immorality. Proverbs 7:7; Matthew 5:28; Mark 7:21.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT WORD GROUP FOR IDENTIFYING SEXUAL SINS:

**porne, pornos, porneia, porneuo, ekporneuo, akporneuo, akatharsia, akathartos, koitee, aselgia, asotia, arsenokoites, planee, malakos, komos, pathos, pleonexia, orexis, epithymia, aischrotes, aischrologia and rhyparia, a total of 95 occurrences.**

### Biblical Usage:

1. **porne** (12X) means a 'harlot', a 'prostitute' (from pernemi, 'to sell'). It literally means 'harlot for hire' (Greek harlots were usually slaves). In both OT (LXX) and NT it means a 'harlot'. This word is also used to speak of those who commit spiritual infidelity. Matthew 21:31, 32; Luke 15:30; 1 Corinthians 6:15, 16; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25; Revelation 17:1, 5, 15, 16; 19:2.
2. **pornos** (10X) means 'fornicator', 'whoremonger' (KJV), 'male prostitute'. 1 Corinthians 5:9, 10, 11; 6:9; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 12:16; 13:4; Revelation 21:8; 22:15.
3. **porneia** (25X) means 'licentiousness' (KJV), 'fornication', 'sexual immorality/impurity'. Matthew 5:32; 15:19; 19:9; Mark 7:21; John 8:41; Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; Romans 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:13, 18; 7:2; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Revelation 2:21; 9:21; 14:8; 17:2, 4; 18:3; 19:2.
4. **porneuo** (7X) means 'to prostitute oneself', 'to commit fornication', 'to be sexually immoral or impure'. 1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:8; Revelation 2:14, 20; 17:2; 18:3, 9.
5. **ekporneuo** (1X) means 'to live licentiously' (KJV), 'to be sexually immoral'. Jude 1:7.
6. **akatharsia** (9X) means 'sexual impurity', 'impure'. Romans 1:24; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 4:19; 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:3; 4:7.
7. **akathartos** (2X) means 'impure', 'moral filth'. Ephesians 5:5; Revelation 17:4.
8. **koitee** (2X) means 'bed' or 'to conceive' or 'sexual immorality' or 'promiscuity'. Romans 13:13; Hebrews 13:4
9. **aselgia** (5X) means 'debauchery', 'licentiousness', 'sexual excess', 'filthy', 'sensuality', 'indecent', 'vice'. Romans 13:13; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:19; 2 Peter 2:7.
10. **asotia** (2X) means 'debauchery', 'wild living'. Titus 1:6; 1 Peter 4:3.
11. **arsenokoites** (2X) means 'male sexual pervert', 'sodomite', 'pederast', 'homosexual offender'. 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10.
12. **planee** (2X) means 'error', 'deception', 'perversion'. Romans 1:27; 2 Peter 2:18.
13. **malakos** (1X) means 'soft or fancy or elaborate' (Matthew 11:8\*; Luke 7:25), 'effeminate', 'male prostitutes' 1 Corinthians 6:9.
14. **komos** (3X) means 'orgies', 'carousing', 'revelry'. Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:21; 1 Peter 4:3.
15. **pathos** (3X) means 'lusts'. Romans 1:26; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:5.
16. **pleonexia** (1X) means 'lusts'. Ephesians 4:19
17. **orexis** (1X) means 'desire', 'lusts'. Romans 1:27.
18. **epithymia** (4X) means 'desire' or 'lust', 'sinful cravings'. Matthew 5:28; 1 Peter 4:3; 2 Peter 2:18; 1 John 2:16.
19. **aischrotes** (1X) means 'obscenity', 'indecent'. Ephesians 5:12.
20. **aischrologia** (1X) means 'filthy language'. Colossians 3:8.
21. **rhyparia** (1X) means 'vile', 'filthy', 'dirty'. James 1:21.

## 28 SIGNIFICANT BIBLICAL PASSAGES ON SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND IMPURITY

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| <p><b>1.</b> Genesis 9:21-23 Noah's sons (Immoral/Impure Thoughts)</p>  | <p><b>16.</b> 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2:5-11; 7:8-12; 12:21 (Incest, Church Discipline, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Unrepentant)</p>  |
| <p><b>2.</b> Genesis 18:16-33; 19:1-29; Jude 6, 7 Sodom and Gomorrah (Perversion)</p>   | <p><b>17.</b> 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:5 Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, Sexual relations are for marriage.</p>                       |
| <p><b>3.</b> Genesis 19:30-38 Lot and his daughters (Incest)</p>  | <p><b>18.</b> Galatians 5:19, 20 The Desires of the Sinful Nature (sexual Immorality, Impurity, Debauchery, Orgies)</p>                       |
| <p><b>4.</b> Genesis 38 Judah and Tamar (Prostitution, Incest)</p>  | <p><b>19.</b> Ephesians 4-5:13 Put to death the sinful nature and its sexual sins</p>   |
| <p><b>5.</b> Leviticus 18, 20 Commands against various sexual sins (Fornication, Adultery, Incest, Homosexuality, Bestiality, Adultery)</p>           | <p><b>20.</b> Colossians 3:5-8 Put to death the sinful nature and its sexual sins</p>   |
| <p><b>6.</b> Numbers 25 Moabites seduce the Israelites (Adultery, Fornication)</p>  | <p><b>21.</b> 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Learn to control your body in a holy and honorable way, not in passionate lust.</p>                       |
| <p><b>7.</b> Judges 19 Levite and his concubine (Fornication, Homosexuality)</p>  | <p><b>22.</b> 1 Timothy 1:9-11 The Law is made for adulterers and perverts</p>  |
| <p><b>8.</b> 2 Samuel 11, 12 David and Bathsheba (Adultery)</p>   | <p><b>23.</b> 1 Timothy 5:1, 2 Treat women with absolute purity</p>   |
| <p><b>9.</b> 2 Samuel 13 Amnon and Tamar (Rape, Fornication)</p>  | <p><b>24.</b> 2 Timothy 3:1-9 Godlessness in the last days</p>  |
| <p><b>10.</b> 1 Kings 11 Solomon's wives (Idolatry)</p>   | <p><b>25.</b> Titus 3:3-5 Once you enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.</p>   |
| <p><b>11.</b> Proverbs 5,6,7 Warning against Sexual Sins and their Punishment (Prostitution, Seduction, Adultery, Fornication, Eternal Damnation)</p> | <p><b>26.</b> Hebrews 13:4 Marital intimacy is to be kept undefiled</p>   |
| <p><b>12.</b> Matthew 5:27, 28; 19:9 Commands against Adultery and Lust</p>   | <p><b>27.</b> 1 Peter 4:1-6 Living for God not like pagans</p>  |
| <p><b>13.</b> Matthew 15:18-20; Mark 7:21-23 Sexual sins of the heart.</p>  | <p><b>28.</b> Revelation 21:8; 22:14, 15 All the sexually immoral and impure will be cast into the burning lake of fire for all eternity.</p> |
| <p><b>14.</b> John 8:1-11 Woman caught in adultery</p>  |   |
| <p><b>15.</b> Romans 1:18-32 The depraved nature (Sexual Perversion)</p>  |   |

## VICTORY OVER SEXUAL SINS

# HOW?

**LOVE** For God--Loving God more than sin! A conscience decision of the mind and heart that comes from the mindset of one who reads and meditates on God's Word. Psalm 119:11; Psalm 19:13, 14

**GUARD** your mind, heart, eyes, mouth, hands and feet; make no provision for the flesh. Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 1; 1 Timothy 5:2; Romans 13:12-14. Do not practice First Degree premeditated sin (chocolate covered cherries). Do not put yourself or follow others into situations that may lead you into sin. Flee temptation- Do not flirt with it or even ignore it, Run from it! Ephesians 5:3-12

**SET** mind and heart on things above. Meditate on God- His character/nature (attributes); His promises; and His work (creation, atonement, forgiveness, etc.), Colossians 3:1-8; Psalm 1:2; Psalm 19:14; Psalm 77:12. Sing Praises to Him- Sing Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs, Psalms 66-68; 95-106.

**LOOK** to Jesus to rescue you. Romans 7; Hebrews 2:18; 4:14-16; 1 Peter 4:1-6.

**LIVE** by the power of the Holy Spirit in you- be spiritually minded! Romans 8:1-6, 9-14, 35-39; Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (esp. v16, 24, 25); 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 2 Peter 1:3, 4; 1 Thessalonians 4:4-8.

**TAKE** your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10-18.

**REPENT** and **CONFESS** your sins to God and to one another; praying for each other. 1 John 1:8-10; James 5:16.

**FORGIVENESS** and restoration. Don't live defeated, when you genuinely repent and confess your sins you are forgiven; walk in the newness of your forgiveness because of the grace of God for you in Christ! Go and sin no more. Start anew to live a holy life by the power of God the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 2:5-11; 7:8-12; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 3:19, 20.