

## THE LURE OF SEXUAL SIN

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*"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:14.*

If every true believer would live by this verse without exception, I would not have to preach this sermon. We live however in an age of flaunted perversion, weird marriage experiments, filthy entertainment media's, and a hatred toward any standards that regulate mans actions. In this age Satan is most using unrestrained sex to destroy homes and the decency of our nation. Remember dear ones, sex is not a desire to be experimented with, but a key element in a Godly marriage. Any sex, before or beyond marriage can only lead to grief and the judgment of God. So I want to give you some clear Biblical warning to avoid the lure of all sexual sin. **(1). The Worlds View Is Perverted:** *"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God."* I Thess. 4: 4&5. Worldly people want no restraint on whatever fleshly desires they want to follow. They think we are weird who choose to value sex in a Godly, Christ honoring way. **(2). Evil Desires Come From The Heart:** *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."* Matt. 15:19. No one has sexual control who has not turned their heart over to God. Remember *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"* Jer. 17:9. Christians must carefully guide the thoughts of our mind and the things we dwell upon in our thinking. **(3). Sex Isn't The Main Thing.** *"For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."* I Thess.

3:7. The world places such emphasis on sex it is wrongly presented as the main thing to desire. Our growing kids are bathed by media falsely glorifying all the perversions of our anti God generation. There are many things more important that sex, used in a Godly righteous way. **(4). Immorality Produces Victims:** "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Rom. 14:7. None of us are hermits with no effect on others. We have influence on everyone around us. A perverted person can introduce kids to sexual sin on a camping trip or sleep over. Parents who lack marriage purity split up their union and show evil example to their developing children. Same sex advocates can destroy the very God planned way of marriage and pervert our Godly nation. A sensual lustful person, always looks for others to drag down. **(5). Immorality Brings Judgment:** *"Be Not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* Gal. 6:7. From the very beginning God has warned *"the wages of sin is death"*. Rom. 6:23a. All through the Bible, immoral actions repeatedly brought grief upon whole nations. The worlds lustful crowd needs to read in the Bible about God's judgment on Sodom and Gamorrah The Bible is full of accounts of nations judged by God, for the immoral path they foolishly took. Furthermore, the judgment day is coming when *"every one of us shall give account of himself to God."* Rom. 14:12. You can hide your sin on earth, but God will reveal it in eternity. Are you ready for that day of revelation at the throne of God? **(6). Sex Is For Marriage Only:** *"Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."* Heb 13:4. A young woman must consider her virginity a treasure to be carefully kept, for the equally virgin young man in marriage. In this way you can avoid sex disease, establish your marriage on pure desires and be blessed with children and a

wonderful life of true companionship. Such a marriage is worth waiting for and will last a lifetime. **SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING TO RESIST THE LURE OF SEXUAL SIN:** (1). **Caution With Thoughts:** *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it."* Jer. 17:9. The devil works overtime to place evil thoughts and desires into the hearts of believers. You dare not dwell on evil because it will lead you to do shameful things. Keep your thoughts on Christ who knows every desire of your mind. You must not grieve the Spirit with trash buildup which appeals to the flesh. Think Godly things, and you will not be destroyed by worldly things. (2). **Guard Your Eyes:** *"I will set no wicked thing before my eyes; I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me."* Psm. 101:3. The crowd you associate with is crucial, for their love of evil will bring pressure upon you to do the same. It is called peer pressure. TV makes things appear what they are not, and evil books or computer garbage will feed your eyes with wrong ideas, that will ruin your stand for God. Most women today know the appeal of their tight, revealing, mannish apparel, upon men. They like the eye appeal of their apparel but most don't dress to please God and help men in their thoughts. Your eyes are the camera lens of your soul. Turn your eyes away from all that cheapens and destroys the purity Christians should desire. (3). **Be Selective With Friends:** *"My son if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. My son, walk not in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path."* Prov. 1:10&15. "Remember you can't run with a skunk and smell like a rose." The friends you choose exert great influence upon you. It is usually easier for them to drag you down than for you to pull them up. We must try to witness to the lost but beware slipping into their paths of sinning. Choose friends that will lift you spiritually, and not those who will pull you down. (4) **Avoid Temptation:** *"Wherefore come out from*

*among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you."* II Cor. 6:17. Human life is filled with temptations. It is not easy to say no and avoid them, but it is the only path of victory. The more you avoid, the less tragedy will erupt during your life. Just say no and don't touch. (5). **Look For Escape:** *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."* I Cor. 10:13. There is always a way to avoid the evil of today. Don't give up and reluctantly simmer in it, as the world dips deeper into sin and further from God. Daily claim His promises and set your sights on pleasing God. He promises to make a way of escape. So open up your spiritual eyes and take His way of escape. (6). **Fortify With Scripture:** *"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."* Psm. 119:11. The more verses you have in your heart and follow, the more victory you will have in avoiding sexual sinning. When you face a temptation, God will bring to your mind a verse that will strengthen you to do right. Nothing else could be more clear. Scripture memorization is a great counter attack on sin, and the more you know, the more victory you will experience. So keep learning. (7). **Grieve Not The Holy Spirit:** *"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."* Eph. 4:30. If you are born again, the Holy Spirit lives within you, and sees your every action. Standing hand in hand with Him should certainly affect what you do. (8). **Close Relationship With Christ:** *"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."* Rom 13:14. The desire to be like Christ will keep you resisting the lure of sexual sin. He said no to Satan's temptations, and in His power you and I can do the same.

