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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Selected Scriptures

“Tough Questions: Why is Sex Outside of Marriage Wrong?”

- I. Sex is _____ the way God designed it
- A. Gen. 1:27-28, 31 – _____
 - B. Gen. 2:24-25 – “one flesh”
 - C. Proverbs 5:18-19 – satisfying, _____, fun
 - D. Song of Solomon 5:1 – _____ gives hearty approval
 - E. 1 Cor. 7 – _____ to one another
- II. Satan wants to _____ God’s good gifts [*Webster’s Dictionary* defines *perversion* as “a diverting from the true intent or purpose; a change to something worse; a turning or applying to a wrong end or use.”]
- A. Gen. 1:27-28, 31 cp. Gen. 3 – not for procreation or for marital union & enjoyment
 - B. Lev. 18:23; Rom. 1:27; Eph. 4:19; Col. 3:5 – something other than monogamous, heterosexual relationships within marriage
 - C. 1 Cor. 7:5 – perverted within marriage (withholding sex that leads to temptation to fulfill it outside of marriage)
- III. Why Sex Outside of Marriage is Wrong
- A. It’s _____ your body
- 1. 1 Cor. 6:15-20 – our bodies are members of _____; temple of the _____; _____ bought me; glorify Him in my body
 - 2. 1 Cor. 7:4 – my body belongs to my _____
- B. Sexual Sin has _____
- 1. Song of Solomon = it hurts _____ / _____
 - a. Song of Sol. 2:7 = don’t _____ what you can’t _____ in a godly way
 - b. Song of Sol. 3:5 = sex before marriage will cloud your _____ about marriage. You can’t determine God’s _____ will while violating His _____ will! (cp. 1 Thess. 4:3-8)
 - c. Song of Sol. 8:4 = sex before marriage will make it harder to _____ after marriage. There will be a lack of _____!
 - 2. Prov. 6:23-35 – _____
 - 3. Rom. 1:27 – _____
 - 4. 1 Thess. 4:6 – it _____ and _____ (it goes too far and it takes away from someone else – purity; virginity; parents & siblings; future relationships)
 - 5. 1 Tim. 5:2 – it violates the purity of your _____ in Christ
 - 6. Jn. 8:34; Rom. 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:18-19 – it promises _____ but leads to _____
 - 7. Heb. 12:4-11 – it leads to God’s _____ (if you are one of His children)
 - 8. Heb. 13:4; Rom. 1:24-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:1-12; Col. 3:5-7; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Pet. 4:1-5; Jude 7; Rev. 22:15 – _____

So what? Heb. 13:4

Discussion & Application:

1. Read Jeremiah 6:1-15. Why did God bring judgment upon Jerusalem? Notice verse 15 that they weren't "ashamed," and they "didn't even know how to blush." Is America like that now? If so, why is it that way? How can we as believers be "salt and light" in a country like this?
2. Read Heb. 13:4. What does God think about marriage and the marriage bed? Is God anti-sex?
3. Why does Satan want to pervert God's good gifts? What is he trying to accomplish? Does he make sin look bad or good? How does he trick a culture into completely changing its moral foundations and perverting what God has clearly said?
4. What are some reasons the culture gives us as to WHY we should engage in "free sex"?
5. What are the most compelling reasons (from all the ones that were given) as to why you should NOT engage in sex outside of marriage?
6. How does the Holy Spirit help us in our battle for sexual purity? (See Gal. 5:16-23)
7. Read Rom. 13:11-14. What principles can you glean from that passage to help you in the battle for sexual purity? What does it mean to put on the Lord Jesus Christ? How do we practically "make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts"? How does that impact your use of the Internet; TV & movies you watch; music you listen to; etc.?
8. Here are some principles for those who are dating or courting:
 - **Set clear guidelines.** Talk out what is appropriate and why – just not too often. Bounce your guidelines off your parents and other godly married couples.
 - **Do not do anything that sexually arouses.** Recognize we live in a sexually charged culture, resist the world's definitions. Be clear and honest with one another.
 - **Avoid temptation.** Don't be alone together in private. Temptation is not sin, indulging it is. There is a difference between sin and folly. Sin is a moral violation. Folly is *deliberately tempting* yourself with moral violations.
 - **Have reliable accountability structures in place.** Open your life to a couple of close Christian friends that will ask you the difficult questions. Be willing to listen, repent, and change your behavior accordingly. Don't think you can go it alone – every Christian is susceptible to pride and foolishness.
 - **Trust Christ and His salvation and sovereignty.** You are a new creation in Christ, act like it.

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