

Holy Sex

Sexual Purity in a World Gone Mad

7 - What's Wrong with Self-Gratification?

*The Pernicious Lie of Isolated Sexual Pleasure
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1. God is all for a pursuing pleasure... as long as it's rooted in Him!

Job 22:25,26 – “²⁵ then the Almighty will be your gold and your precious silver. ²⁶ For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty and lift up your face to God.

Psa. 21:1,2 – “¹ O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! ² You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*

Psa. 145:19 – “He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.”

Psa. 37:3,4 – “Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.”

2. God designed marriage to depict the oneness Christ has with the Church... not Himself.

Eph. 5:31,32 – “³¹ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

Remember—both marriage and sexual intercourse are pictures of the oneness believers enjoy with Christ. Sex between a husband and wife is when the “one flesh” union is most fully manifested.

3. According to the Bible, sexual pleasure is something we're to give to our spouses... not to ourselves. (1 Cor. 7:1-9)

1 Cor. 7:3 – Let the husband render to his wife **the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.**

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have “rights” to your body because you don't own it. You belong to God and your spouse!

1 Cor. 6:19,20 – ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is in you*, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's...

1 Cor. 7:4 – ⁴The wife **does not have authority over her own body**, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband **does not have authority over his own body**, but the wife *does*.

Viewing pornography brings about devastating results to people's minds and hearts, destroying families and ministries above and beyond what anyone ever imagines possible.

4. Pornography is like saltwater. It appears it will satisfy, but only creates a greater desire that can never be met, only to be followed by death.

Prov. 27:20 – Hell and destruction are never full; **So the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

Rom. 6:23 – **For the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:15 – Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; **and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

5. **Pornography redefines beauty and sets a standard that can never be met because it's all a façade!**

Prov. 5:18,19 – ¹⁸Let your fountain be blessed, **And rejoice with the wife of your youth.** ¹⁹As a loving deer and a graceful doe, **Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.**

Gen. 2:23,24 – ²³And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

6. **Pornography distorts our view of others, causing us to see them as objects instead of members of the family of God.**

1 Tim. 5:1,2 – ¹Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort *him as a father*, younger men **as brothers**, ² older women **as mothers**, younger women **as sisters**, with all purity.

7. **Pornography contributes to worldwide human trafficking of children and women because it creates a demand for a constant supply.**

There's good news, Christian. Self-gratification & pornography doesn't have to have a presence in your life. The same God who sent His Son to die for these sins is the same God who grants repentance for us to change & grow to be like Him!

Col. 2:13-15 – ¹³And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Titus 2:11-14 – ¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

1 John 1:7-10 – ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Gal. 3:13,14 – ¹³Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*”), ¹⁴that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Col. 3:9,10 – ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ is all and in all.