

A Generation Who Knows

Sexual Purity

(Hebrews 13:4)

- Introduction:
1. With this lesson, we bring our series to a close.
 2. We have discussed such subjects as the Existence of God, Inspiration of the Bible, Uniqueness of the Church, How to become a Christian, Worship Issues, and tonight's subject, Sexual Purity.
 3. It is time that the church has a frank discussion about sexuality, and if we don't we'll be the only organization that hasn't taken up this task.
 4. But as I say that, I also recognize the setting in which we find ourselves, mixed gender, young and old, and what I will say is intended to be plain enough to be understood and discreet enough as to not offend the sensitivities of those present.
 5. As I present this lesson, I also want to make you aware that my goal is not to "get someone told," but rather to offer a balanced biblical response to an enormous problem in our culture.

I. The Challenge We Are Facing

- A. Pre-marital Sexual Activity
 1. When it comes to sexual conduct, we are fighting an uphill battle, for this is a sin that is a stronghold in our society (2 Corinthians 10:4).
 2. Our young people are bombarded with sexuality through media and friends.
 3. 75% of young people engage in sinful sexual conduct short of consummation, (Shattering the Silence).
 4. Presently, cohabitation is the fastest growing family configuration.
- B. Pornography
 1. Pornography is an epidemic in our culture.
 - a. Forty years ago, a federal study on pornography estimated 10 million dollars were spend on pornography each year. Today, it's well over 10 billion dollars.
 - b. There are more outlets for pornography in the U.S. than McDonald's restaurants.
 - c. It's been normalized and porn stars have become mainstream icons.
 2. "No one is harmed" is a lie.
 - a. Spouses.
 - b. 87% of child molesters were regular users of pornography.
- C. Homosexuality
 1. It is hard to imagine how quickly the cultural shift has occurred with respect to public thinking about homosexuality.

2. There are over 50 major religious denominations who support homosexuality.
 - a. "All persons, whether heterosexual or homosexual, whether single or partnered, have a moral right to experience justice-love in their lives and to be sexual persons..."the problem before the church is not sexual sin, but the prevailing social, cultural, and ecclesial arrangements...and conformity to the unjust norm of compulsory heterosexuality."
3. Gender dysphoria.

II. God's Answers to the Challenge

- A. (Hebrews 13:4).
- B. Premarital Sexual Activity
 1. (1 Timothy 5:2).
 2. (2 Timothy 2:22).
- C. Pornography
 1. (Psalm 101:3).
 2. (Matthew 5:28).
- D. Homosexuality
 1. (Hebrews 13:4).
 2. Marriage is between a male and a female, and sexual activity is limited to marriage.

- Conclusion:
1. Sexuality is not a human right, but a privilege to those who are Scripturally married.
 2. Some may find that they need to be celibate for the "kingdom of Heaven's sake" (Matthew 19:12).
 3. The bottom line is to be ruled by the Spirit and not by the flesh.
 - a. (1 Corinthians 6:13).
 - b. (Romans 8:1).