1Thess #66

Sex education is simple according to God.

Everybody take a deep breath and relax before we start today! We are on a subject that will make some folks feel guilty or ashamed and that is not the design of the message.

Stay objective not subjective.

Everyone of us will see our own failures in these types of lessons.

We will open in Luke chapter 8 today.

We have embarked upon a short series related to sexual immorality because of our current study in 1Thessalonians. More specifically 1Thess 4 verses 3 & 4;

/1Thes 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is,* that you **abstain from sexual immorality;** 4 that each of you know how **to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor**,\

The warning is to completely stop – come to a full halt concerning sexual immortality.

The Greek and Roman culture combined did nothing but add to the fire of sexual perversions and idol worship.

Proving that without God at the center of a society or a family and certainly a marriage, nothing but evil will develop.

The Apostle Paul often gave warnings about having fellowship or intimacy with Unbels. Because human history proves time and again that a gathering of people large or small who consistently reject Biblical standards will eventually fill that void with evil.

Luke chapter 8 was still early in the ministry of Jesus and this is the point HE welcomed in Mary Magdalene into HIS ministry;

Luk 8:1 Soon afterward, Jesus began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him,

/[Luk 8:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/8/2/s_981002) and *also* some women who had been **healed of evil spirits** and **sicknesses**: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom **seven demons had gone out,**

The demonic influence was one of sexual and immoral avenues which she had tendencies toward.\

Mary Magdalene had a lust pattern within her OSN that leaned toward loose living.

It is believed she was either a prostitute, or at least a woman with a reputation that carried throughout the streets and criminal hang outs.

Often times the criminal element which included Tax collectors, robbers and even murders had certain barrooms or establishments that they would lay claim too.

Mary Magdalen was known within these darker establishments as a party girl.

[Luk 8:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/8/3/s_981003) and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

Mary and Joanna were among the first witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection. Funny that the two were polar opposites on the social scale.

Joanna was a woman of high reputation and some wealth.

Mary Magdalene had a reputation as a street girl. Yet after salvation their fellowship and love for the Lord brought them together and there was very little difference between these women other than their bank accounts.

True Christianity removes almost all social and educational barriers that the world makes you focus on.

Notice the ladies are usually the ones with a spirit of generosity for the ministry.

It’s not uncommon to have ladies lift up and support the teachers of the word of God.

Most ministries …including Jesus’s earthly ministry would have suffered greatly without the ladies!

People often times develop addictions and sexual perversions by allowing negative thoughts and sinful environments to engulf their lifestyle.

This will invade your thinking; this will find a home in your soul structure.

What you allow to occupy your soul will have an effect on your life.

/Children who become sexualized at a young age whether it is visual or physical sexual contact will develop abnormal sexual desires or ideologies. Adults and teenagers who fall into habitual sexual habits outside of what God designed in marriage will also develop abnormal ideologies and desires.\

In fact, some studies show that any type of trauma or sexual abuse even on a small scale, can change the personality of a child. Especially when they are under the age of 10 or 12 years old when those negative events take place.

There reality is, there is no such thing as a gay gene or trans-gender gene, there is no real science behind that concept.

Sexual appetites are developed by our thoughts and lifestyle choices.

 REPEAT

Some studies have shown that sexually active teenagers, become young adults who experiment more with same sex behaviors then those who abstain from sex during teenage years.

Thinking is a part of the spiritual life. Thinking is a part of your marriage, thinking is a part of the your norms and standards. Thinking is the strongest tool you have to overcome challenges.

Yet what you habitually think about is the determining factor.

/Lust patterns and desires are different than needs. Sexual desires are normal under the realm of God’s original design but it was designed for one man and one woman under the sacred vow of marriage. Everyone who indulges under any other avenue of sexual desires and sexual pursuits, has made a choice to ignore God’s plan and implement their own. Therefore, if problems arise…who is at fault? \

No child under the age of 12 needs to be thinking about or seeing anything sexual in their periphery.

When they get beyond the age of 12, it is up to competent adults within the family to slowly teach them about God’s plan for marriage and sex.

The reason we have so many teenagers struggling with drugs or depression and living in confusion. And the fact that over 50% of marriages (even Christian) end in divorce, is because we do things Satan’s way - not God’s way.

 REPEAT

/Psa 101:3 **I will set no worthless thing before my eyes**; I hate the work
of those who fall away; **It shall not cling to me**. 4 **A perverse heart shall leave me;** I will know no evil.

Worthless - *bᵊlîyaʿal,* worthless, ungodly or that which destroys.\

BE-LEE-AH-EL, points to destruction, that which opposes God. It comes from a Hebrew variation of - BAAL.

Satanic worship – that which leads us away from God.

/Deu 13:13 *Certain* men, **the children of Belial**, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and **serve other gods, which you have not known**;

We are led away by strange desires because we allowed the thoughts and influence to dwell within us! \

The reality is the woman who has been married to a man for ten years and suddenly came out of the closet as a lesbian.

Or - the man who has been married to a woman for twenty years and decides to start dressing up in women’s clothing, has been secretly nurturing a sexual desire for many years.

None of that happens overnight.

There is a long period of secret thoughts and nurturing going on before any of that happens.

That which you circulate in your soul for a long period of time will develop a pattern or norms and standards within you.

 REPEAT

Some women get abused or mistreated and turn to other women for attention.

Some men have been abused or neglected in marriage or even growing up and they experiment with other men.

And the fact that some boys appear to have feminine qualities or little girls act like tomboys, does not determine sexual desires later in life.

That does not happen, unless there was long periods of nurturing and thoughts outside of God’s normal standards for boys and girls.

Some people have OSN’s that are very hyper sensitive to sexual stimulation.

 REPEAT

We all have weak areas and lust patterns that run in different directions.

The reason we have so much transgender confusion and same sex relationships - which have exploded over the last 15 or 20 years, is a direct result of a culture saturated with sexual immorality.

The 800-pound gorilla in the room, that no one wants to talk about, is the Christian family. More specifically the Christian FATHER…or lack thereof, of a Christian male role model in the house.

What you grow up thinking and experimenting with matters!

/Phil 2:5 “**Keep on thinking this in you** which was in Christ Jesus.”

1Cor 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ**. \

The reality is that sexual immorality left to breed and nurtured over long periods can lead to incredible evil and even criminal insanity.

/Jer 32:35 “**They built the high places of Baal**that are in the Valley of Ben-hinnom to **make their sons and their daughters pass through *the fire* to Molech**, which I had not commanded them, nor had it entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to mislead Judah to sin.

 (2Kin 17:17, Ezk 20 – Ezk 23) \

Any person – Bel or Unbel who nurtures satanic ideology, repeatedly practices a lifestyle away from God’s word is capable of almost anything.

If following satanic viewpoint in relation to sexual immorality can cause parents to sacrifice their child to fire – then a grown man putting a wig on and acting like a woman, is not too far-fetched!

/Eph 4:2 that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to **rid yourselves of the old self,** which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that **you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, \

Rid yourself of the negative cosmic system thoughts and environments.

Renew your mind by Bible study!

/[Eph 4:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/24/s_1101024) and to **put on the new self**, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

The Bel has to make daily choices to put themselves in the plan of God.\

Every minute of your waking day you are hearing and absorbing opinions, news, information and environments.

You are being bombarded by cosmic viewpoint whether you acknowledge it or not...you are!

/2Tim 1:13 **Hold on to the example of sound words which you have heard from me**, in *the* faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 **Protect, through the Holy Spirit** who dwells in us, **the treasure** which has been entrusted to *you.\*

The sound words and treasure the Apostle Paul is teaching Timothy – is BD!

What you are nurturing within your daily life matters. What you conform to do in your soul matters!

/Rom 12:2 And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,** so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.\

What you keep dwelling upon, will often times be a form of self-programming for the future.

/Prov 23:7 For **as he thinks within himself, so he is**. He says to you, “Eat and drink!” But his heart is not with you. \

God has basic lessons related to this subject matter; it is very simple.

/Premarital sex destroys the virtue and values on which compatibility and rapport in marriage are founded. Both men and women who enter into premarital sex to satisfy their libido, are in pursuit of self-satisfaction and this is related to arrogance. Premarital sex sets a course of blindly following lust patterns that usually ends in frustration, heartache and unrealistic expectations.\

Premarital sex generally occurs in the attraction stage of a romantic relationship. This begins a process of stopping mental and spiritual compatibility and focuses on physical.

The world teaches us that the man or woman with a lot of sexual experience is going to make the best bed partner.

The word of GOD teaches us just the opposite!

/Problems begin to arise when people have several sexual partners before marriage. Guilt, shame or physical and mental handicaps can result. A frantic search for happiness can be born. Also, unrealistic demands and expectations can carry from one relationship into the next. Heartache or lack of trust can carry over. Self-indulgence and self-satisfaction can develop on a grand scale which all lead to misery in marriage. \

 /Any form of sexual immorality over extended periods can be detrimental to a happy marriage. Sexual and mental baggage carried into a marriage means that marriage is starting off in a position of weakness. Promiscuity before marriage creates handicaps for that marriage. Patterns of thought and sexual practices carry into marriage and only GOD can wash that and correct both parties after have fallen in love with HIM! \

 The Apostle Paul warns about sexual immorality in no uncertain terms because it brings mental and physical damage.

/1Cor 6:18 **Flee sexual immorality**. Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the **sexually immoral person sins against his own body.**

This sin is the one that ensures self- induced misery follows close behind it.\

/Heb 13:4 **Marriage *is to be held* in honor**among all, and the marriage bed *is to be* undefiled; for **God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.**

You never lose your salvation, some sins bring greater discipline than others! \