

Dancing

1. Dancing is popular “recreation” today among young people and their social activities. The kind of dancing that is of concern here is the type that contains lascivious or lewd movements that excite sexual lust and arousal. (We are not discussing “dancing” in the form of skipping, leaping, lively movement, winning celebration, etc.)
2. The modern dance is associated with one or more of the following: impure thoughts, intimate physical contact, improper body movements, immodest clothing, and intoxicants.
3. Some dancing in the Bible was not lascivious (Ex. 15:20-21; Judges 21:21; 1 Sam. 18:6-7; 2 Sam. 6:14; Eccl. 3:4). Other examples of dancing, however, include sinful behavior (Ex. 32:6, 18-19; 1 Sam. 30:16; Job 21:11; Mark 6:22).
4. Dancing that contains lascivious, lewd, and lustful movements violate these Bible verses: Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:19-21; and 1 Pet. 4:3.
5. Christians who engage in dancing that excites sexual lust would cause others to stumble (1 Cor. 10:32), would be like the world (1 Jn. 2:15-17), and would be flirting with lust instead of fleeing from it (1 Tim. 5:22; 2 Tim. 2:22).
6. The modern dance that excites sexual lust is an evil influence (1 Cor. 15:33), hinders self-control (1 Tim. 2:9), does not set the right example for others (1 Tim. 4:12), hinders sober-mindedness (Tit. 2:1-8), and causes fleshly lusts (Mt. 5:8, 27-27; 1 Pet. 2:11).