

Sex

1. The sexual relationship between husband and wife is meant to be a good thing (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-24). Sex is not bad when it is performed within a proper marriage relationship (1 Cor. 7:1-5; Heb. 13:4).
2. Fornication (sexual immorality = pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex, homosexuality [Jude 7]) and adultery (sex with someone joined to another in marriage) are works of the flesh and will keep one out of heaven (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21).
3. Abstain - flee fornication (Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; 1 Cor. 6:18; 10:8; 2 Cor. 12:21; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5; 1 Thess. 4:3; Heb. 12:16).
4. Fornication starts in the heart (Mt. 15:19; Mk. 7:21). Avoid all attitudes and actions that lead to fornication: conversation, touching, atmosphere, entertainment, attire, excuses (Prov. 7:1-21).
5. Fornication can cause one to be put away from their spouse without the authority to remarry (Mt. 5:32; 19:9).
6. Fornication is not love: "If you love me, you will have sex with me." True love does not do what is improper or selfish (1 Cor. 13:4-6). Sometimes males use sex for instant gratification and females use sex to build an emotional relationship.
7. The only "safe sex" is sex within a proper marriage. All other sex will lead to sin, possible diseases, and certain emotional scars.
8. Use your body for the Lord at all times (1 Cor. 6:13).