

I Thess 4:3-8

“A Call for Sexual Purity”

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Introduction:

There is no doubt that we all know that we are living in a sex saturated Culture.

More and more we are witness to the full bloom of the sexual revolution of the 1960s. What was once thought of a free sex and rock and roll, has now become our god...

Men and woman alike live for the mere fulfillment of the there sexual passions. The barrier and boundaries once considered sacred and honorable have become distasteful and even destined in our culture.

We are literally living in a culture that pursues sexual satisfaction in every avenue possible.

TV, Movies, commercials, advertisements, billboards, fashion, conversation, innuendo, t-shirts, bumperstickers,

Every where you turn there is some reference to something sexual in nature.

I thought of a hundred different ways to approach the text before you today.

I thought about giving some shocking stories of the debauchery of our sex crazed culture.

Or perhaps to give you examples of and different types of sexual sin out there.

If fact I could take you thru the greek vocabulary and fill your mind with all the words (and there are many) that describe the different kind s of sexual sin.

But to do that would be akin to handing ice to an Eskimo.

I think, unless you have your head in the sand, you are aware of all of that.

But just incase you have forgot or maybe it has been a long time since you have heard it from the pulpit

and even though there are churches, like one of the the largest protestant denominations in America.(1.7 million member),

Presbyterian church USA (liberal branch) voted to allow for same sex marriages. I want to make it abundantly clear

The Bible clearly affirms that

1. Fornication is wrong
2. Adultery is wrong
3. Homosexuality is wrong
4. Bestiality is wrong
5. Pedophilia is wrong

These sins are definitely problem areas in our culture. but one of the most disturbing trends in our modern culture is the rapid and exponential growth of the pornography industry

James Dobson said a few years ago that, we were making some headway, it seemed in the battle for hearts and minds of men in

the area of pornography until the internet was invented and found its way into the home of the average American family.

After that “ we have lost the battle”

He says that it used to be that to find porn, you would have to go to one of the seedy areas of town in an adult book store to find it. But not now. because of the internet. voluntarily or involuntarily by the mere click of a mouse or a misspelled word in an internet browser can find you staring at the worst possible forms of pornography known to man

Since Jan 1 2015 to March 22 Today there have been over 500 million searches for porn on the internet..

It is the most searched for and sought after topic in all the internet.

The porn industry has more views than all of the movie subscriptions , netflix, HBO, Cable TV, iTunes combined

The porn industry brings in more money than NFL, NASCAR, and every other area of sport and entertainment combined.

This is not all, as a result of the internet and the universal availability of porn and the sharing of porn. The Child porn industry has literally exploded in growth.

Law enforcement states that the number of prosecutable cases of people involved in child porn has grown by 1200 percent in the last 10 years.

It is also important to understand that the church is not immune to this.

We do not have so holy halo protecting us.

The reality of the influence of the Porn is that it has infiltrated the church in large numbers

I have read and heard that the number are 60% or in some cases 80% of the men that attend a church in America have in some form or another seen porn.

The addition rates are climbing at an astronomical rate.

We are literally living in a culture that is so pornographic for the average man. It is like an alcoholic, trying to stay sober, while every store he goes in and every road he drives down, and every TV show and commercial he watches and every news site or paper he reads offers him a drink.

On another note

We are so consumed in fulfilling our lust for one another that we will literally kill for it.

what do I mean — — — abortion

Abortion is a means of getting rid of the result of the sexual union between a man and woman. So our society as said we want the sex, but not the child, so kill the child so we can have sex.

Abortions per year: 1.2 million

Abortions per day: 3,288

Abortions per hour: 137

9 abortions every 4 minutes

1 abortion every 26 seconds

These statistics include only surgical and medical abortions.

Because many contraceptive measures are abortifacients (drugs that induce or cause abortions), it is important not to overlook the number of children killed by chemical abortions. Since 1965, an average of 11 million women have used abortifacient methods of birth control in the United States at any given time. Using formulas based on the way the birth control pill works, pharmacy experts project that about 14 million chemical abortions occur in

the United States each year, providing a projected total of well in excess of 610 million chemical abortions between 1965 and 2009.

We are as a country experiencing what it is like when God abandons a country. We are not looking to the future for God's judgement on America WE are in it NOW
It will get worse.

Romans 1:18—

Lesson

I. The Command

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

This is not merely an external issue . It is a matter of the heart.

We can be moral externally and be corrupt internally.

We can have all kinds of evil and sin in our minds that we entertain ourselves with

But we need to remember that although we may look good on the outside. What we think about is in full high definition in the presence of God.

What ever we do or think in our minds is like ascending to the hight of heaven and walking up the throne of God and doing that right in front of His face.

Matt 15:19

¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

²⁰ These are *the things* which defile a man,

abstain

apechó: to hold back, keep off, to be away, be distant

Original Word: ἈΠΈΧΩ

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: apechó

Phonetic Spelling: (ap-ekh'-o)

Short Definition: I have in full, am far, it is enough

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HELPS Word-studies

568 *apéxō* (from **575** /*apó*, "away from" and **2192** /*éxō*, "have") – properly, **to have one thing by separating from (letting go of) another.**

568 /*apéxō* ("to have by separating from") includes what is gained by discarding something else (cf. Phm15). In each case, **568** /*apéxō* ("relate from") retains its root-meaning, "to have something, because far away from something else" (J. Thayer).

[**568**/*apexō* ("have from") has two foci: *away from* (the source); to then *have* what is separated from that source.]

Matt 5:27

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, '*You shall not commit adultery.*' ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a

woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

II. The Concern

⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter,

know, _ possess the skill

possess

ktaomai: to acquire

Original Word: κτάομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ktaomai

Phonetic Spelling: (ktah'-om-ahee)

Short Definition: I win, get, buy, possess

Definition: (a) I acquire, win, get, purchase, buy, (b) I possess, win mastery over.

take advantage of

huperbainó: to step over, transgress

Original Word: ὑπερβαίνω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: huperbainó

Phonetic Spelling: (hoop-er-bah'-ee-no)

Short Definition: I transgress, go beyond

Definition: I transgress; I go beyond, overreach, defraud.

defraud

pleonekteó: to have more, to overreach

Original Word: ΠΛΕΟΝΕΚΤΕΩ

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: pleonekteó

Phonetic Spelling: (pleh-on-cek-teh'-o)

Short Definition: I take advantage of

Definition: I take advantage of, overreach, defraud.

HELPS Word-studies

Cognate: 4122 *pleonektéō* (from 4119 */pleíōn*, "more" and 2192/*exō*, "have") – properly, "(the desire) to have *more*," i.e. acquire *more* (a greater number of) things; to *covet* (improper) gain.

4122 */pleonektéō* ("covet, defraud") shows *inordinate* desire, especially lusting for what belongs to someone else. See 4124 (*pleoneksia*).

III. The Consequences

6 b because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

IV. The Consolation

2 Samuel 12:7

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You *are* the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more! ⁹ Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. ¹⁰ Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ¹¹ Thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹² For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ”

¹³ So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to

blaspheme, the child also *who is* born to you shall surely die.”
15 Then Nathan departed to his house.

John 8

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear.

7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

11 She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

I Cor 6:9-11

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 5:20

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,