

Message Notes

"Sex and the City...of Corinth - pt 4"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *Previously on Church In Crisis*

Sex and the City...of Corinth

1. Sex that even pagans are not having (1 Cor 5:1-13)
 - a. A man is having incest with his (step)mother
 - b. And the church is boasting about their freedom!
2. Living large! Suing one another (1 Cor. 6:1-11)
3. It's just sex! Really? (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

This week's topic - It's just porn! Really?

NOTE --- "A Rated PG-13 Sermon"

A look at 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

What is porneia?

- Galatians 5:19
- Ephesians 5:3
- Colossians 3:5
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3

What did God design marriage and sex for?

- Genesis 2:18, 24-25
- Ephesians 5:25-26, 31-32
- Ezekiel 16:9-15

Porneia - any kind of sexual satisfaction and/or lust that falls outside the bounds of what God intended it for - marriage!

How to provide some sanity to your sexuality:

1. Know you are being lied to!
 - a. Growth of the Porn industry
 - b. Jeremiah 2:13 - "A tall glass of toilet water"
 - c. It's just porn...no, It's just LUST! Matthew 5:27-28
2. You are going after False Intimacy
 - a. Proverbs 5:18-19
 - b. Proverbs 27:20
 - c. Proverbs 11:22
 - d. Proverbs 31:30
3. The times when you are most vulnerable:
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4. Replace your lust for sex with a fear of God
5. Need BOTH accountability (discipline) and repentance (change of heart)
6. Take it out of the darkness
7. Take it serious
8. Stop being lazy
9. Mortify your lust
10. Read further resources:
 - False Intimacy - Harry W. Schaumburg
 - The Pornography Trap - Ralph Earle and Mark Laaser
 - Eros Defiled - John White
 - When Good Men are Tempted - Bill Perkins
 - Porn-Again Christian - Mark Driscoll

Application - *"Are you gonna keep drinking toilet water?"*

Galatians 5:19

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery...

Ephesians 5:3

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Colossians 3:5

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, "not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God.

Genesis 2:18, 24-25

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ... ²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Ephesians 5:25-26, 31-32

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ezekiel 16:9-15

⁹"I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you. ¹⁰I clothed you with an embroidered dress and put leather sandals on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments. ¹¹I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck, ¹²and I put a ring on your nose, earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. ¹³So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was fine flour, honey and olive oil. You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen. ¹⁴And your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, because the splendor I had given you made your beauty perfect, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁵"But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute. You lavished your favors on anyone who passed by and your beauty became his.

Jeremiah 12:3

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Matthew 5:27-28

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Other passages used - please use a pew Bible:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Proverbs 5:18-19, Proverbs 27:20
Proverbs 11:22, Proverbs 31:30, Hebrews 13:4, Proverbs 1:7