

*"It's important to have sex before marriage so you can know if you are compatible"*

*"Everybody's doing it"*

*"It's okay as long as you practice safe sex"*

## REASONS TO ABSTAIN FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY

### ARGUMENT #1: Your body \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

**1 Corinthians 6:15:** *"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!*

### ARGUMENT #2: You become \_\_\_\_\_ with your sexual partners (6:16-18).

**1 Corinthians 6:16-18:** *"Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.'"*<sup>17</sup> But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body."

### ARGUMENT #3: Your body is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God (6:19-20).

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20:** *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."*

**KEY QUESTION:** Why does God command us to 'flee from sexual immorality' (6:18)?

**REASON #1: Protection from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**REASON #2: Protection from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**REASON #3: Protection from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ problems.**

**REASON #4: Protection from a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**REASON #5: Protection from a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 51:1-3:** "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me."

**Hebrews 10:22:** "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, *having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience* and having our bodies washed with pure water."

## FINAL THOUGHTS

"Thus history confirms what the Bible teaches: unless human sexuality is carefully channeled within its proper bounds, the energies of an individual and a society are dissipated, and decline eventually follows. Promiscuous sexual intercourse is contrary to the divine law, can endanger the health and childbearing capacity of the individual, and, when widespread as a societal phenomenon, contributes to the decline of a civilization." **John Jefferson Davis, "Evangelical Ethics", 54.**

"What I am recommending to the unmarried person, therefore, comes straight out of the Word: Stay out of bed unless you go there alone! I know that advice is difficult to put into practice today. But I didn't make the rules. I'm just passing them along. God's moral laws are not designed to oppress us or deprive us of pleasure. They are there to protect us from the devastation of sin, including disease, heartache, divorce, and spiritual death. Abstinence before marriage and fidelity afterward is the Creator's own plan, and no one has

devised a way to improve on it.” Dr. James Dobson, *“Life on the Edge: A Young Adults Guide to a Meaningful Future,”* 209.

If followed, God’s standards for sexual behavior (abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage) provide for spiritual rewards, a healthy atmosphere in which to raise children, peace of mind, and trust and true intimacy in marital relationships.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Prayer

*Take some time to review the entire message from Sunday before diving into the questions. What new insights did you glean from what you heard?*

1. What are some of the reasons people give to justify living a sexually promiscuous life?
2. What does God think about sexual immorality? (*1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Ephesians 5:3-5; Colossians 3:5-11; Galatians 5:19-22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Numbers 25:1-7*).
3. What should Christians who are involved in sexual immorality do about their sin? (*Col. 3:5-11; 1 John 1:9*).
4. What advice does Proverbs 4:23-7:27 give regarding sexual purity and marital faithfulness?
5. What’s the difference between sexual immorality, fornication and adultery?
6. What can be done in our SMC families to encourage sexual purity among our adolescence/youth?
7. What parental choices need to be made in order to insure we model a godly view of dating, marriage and sex to our kids?
8. God’s commands are given for our own protection and to insure we experience life the way he intended. What can happen when people are given only the ‘command’ and not the ‘reason for the command’?
9. What words of hope would you give to someone who has blown in sexually and feels like God could never forgive him/her?

### Prayer

**SERIES: “Life in the Father’s House”**  
**MESSAGE: “Sex in the City” 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**  
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## INTRODUCTION:

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20:** “Everything is permissible for me”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me”—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food for the stomach and the stomach for food”—but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

## SLOGANS used to Support Sexual Immorality

**SLOGAN #1: Grace gives me the  
\_\_\_\_\_ to do what I desire.**

**1 Corinthians 6:12:** “*Everything is permissible for me*”—but not everything is beneficial. “*Everything is permissible for me*”—but I will not be mastered by anything.”

**SLOGAN #2: God gave us our  
\_\_\_\_\_ for sexual activity.**

**1 Corinthians 6:13-14:** “*Food for the stomach and the stomach for food*”—but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.”

## MODERN DAY SLOGANS

*“If we love each other then there is nothing wrong with expressing our love sexually”*

*“We are engaged so it’s okay”*