



Trait #10- Distorted Sexual Views
Day 1

Read 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; **now read it again slowly.**

If you are not married, **NO SEX at ALL!** Look at it this way, when you become a christian, you are married spiritually to Christ. The above verses are saying when you have sex, THE two (people) become "one" flesh. And since your body is the temple of the holy spirit, and you are "married" to Christ (figuratively). If you have sex outside of marriage (sexual relations of any kind), you are in essence joining Christ to a "harlot"!

So outside "joining Christ to a harlot", why is God's word so strict on fornication (sexual relations of any kind outside the marriage of a man and wife, including adultery)? **Answer:** Because God created a natural order for things. Sex is a gift given to man from God! Just as in the garden of Eden, there are restrictions. Boundaries He has placed. These boundaries are: "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh". **Matthewt. 19:4-6.**

Satan on the other hand has corrupted everything God made to be good (not surprising) and his goal (as in the garden) is to get man to **sin (miss the mark, fall short, relinquish, to fail, or be reduced)**. Just as he did.

The consequences of sin (in this case we are talking of the specific sin of sexual immorality, but sin of any kind has this same effect): Read; Romans 1:18- the rest of the chapter.

Sin is progressive. The consequences are progressive (vs' 21-28). **We will continue more on this tomorrow . In the mean time**, see if you can pick out the progressiveness of sin in Romans chapter 1.

When the bible speaks of God's wrath (as in vs. 18), what is it talking about? The answer is found within this same chapter.



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Read Romans 1:18-30;

The wrath of God being revealed from heaven against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men **WHO SUPPRESS (push down,hold down) the TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.** So, how is God's wrath being revealed and how do we suppress the truth?

Since we are dealing with sexual immorality, we will use an example in this area: Let's say there is an individual who gets into pornography. At first, each time he looks at it, he gets convicted inside. Through time that conviction gets less and less until he's not convicted about that sin anymore. That sin in turn leads to him having an extreme lust problem. He then starts having sex outside of marriage on a regular basis. With that sin, he's convicted for a while but again through time, the conviction goes away. Then his perversion takes another step and he starts having sex with many different people. At this point he starts to not feel conviction over his sins. As the sin grows, he finds himself in prison for a sexual related crime. (This is just an example, but one that happens everyday) Do you see the progression of sin?

The wrath spoken of in the above verse is nothing more than God stepping back (since we are made with a free will) and giving us over to our own lusts, and debased and reprobate mind (a mind twisted by sin and darkness)

Read Matthew 6:19-23 (and see verses 21,24,26,28 of Romans 1)

Exodus 7:14-11:10; This is the story of pharaoh king of Egypt. Over the course of this week read these four chapters

* take note: during the first five plagues pharaoh sinned and suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and hardened his own heart.... during the next five plagues God hardens Pharaoh's heart. This is an example of The wrath of God being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.



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Here is another story showing the progressiveness of sin:

Read 2 Samuel 11-12:25; This story is a great illustration of how our sin is not just progressive, but how it spreads out like cancer and affects those around us. Take a minute and try and count how many people were affected by David's lack of judgement in this story.

Lust is 2 of the 3 tools Satan uses. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. All three work hand and hand. All three are in the above story. Can you pick out each lust in the story?

Lust has roots like a tree. They go deep and fan out. Corrupting the soul that it's feeding off of (like a parasite).

You see, if we as a Christian, are living a sexually immoral lifestyle (having sex outside the covenant of marriage, and outside the bounds God has placed) we are only fooling ourselves. We are becoming futile in OUR thoughts and OUR foolish hearts are being darkened. So if you find yourself not being convicted of a sexually immoral lifestyle, that is a warning sign that you are given over to the lust of your heart, dishonoring your body (God's temple) and in essence uniting Your Lord and savior with a prostitute (1 Cor. 6:15-20).

" For every sin a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God".

Read Romans 6:12-14



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Read Psalm 51

This Psalm (prayer) that David wrote came directly after Nathan the prophet approached David about his sexual sin. (2 Samuel 12.)

Take your time today and think about the heartfelt supplication (strong pleading) David throws up to God. This is what true repentance looks like on paper! This is also a good prayer to pray (making it personal to your situation) when you have fallen short of God's will (or missed the mark). There's not going to be anything else today, this Psalm is powerful enough. As your working today, whenever you get the chance meditate on the prayer and everything we've gone over so far.



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Day 5

Read 1 Kings 11:1-8

Solomon had (sarcasm coming up) a bit of a lust problem when it came to women. Notice the verse that says that he “clung to these in love.” Have you ever wondered where the breakdown in logic comes from for such a wise man to be alright with this problem? It was his dad, David. I am not saying David encouraged him to have multiple wives, I am just saying his dad lived it out in front of him. When there were issues of rape in David’s family, he never addressed it. He taught, by not teaching at all.

Read Proverbs 5

This is the plea of a father warning against sexual sin. Think of all of the avenues that we observe sexual sin being ok, ignored, or just forgotten about. (Movies, shows, etc.)

How are you combating David’s type of teaching (which was: don’t address it, don’t acknowledge it, and model the wrong way of living) in your home?