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1 Corinthians 6:18: Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

Sexual Fornication

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Almighty Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we once again give you thanks, praise and bless You Lord for this inspired message. Father may Your Divine Words of wisdom fill the hearts of your people. Lord, help us not to be slaves to our fleshly nature. Father, please help us to find Your way in this troubled world we live in. Lord, may Your Light shine brightly in the hearts of Your people. Father please, help us to stay focused on Your Will, and not the will of the world. I ask this in Jesus name...Amen. This month's inspired message has to do with one of the most tempting and alluring sin ever known to man. And that sin is the sin of sexual fornication. The sin of sexual fornication has caused mankind more spiritual destruction throughout the ages than any other sin. Just about every kind of sin there is, has some roots to this deadly sin. Sins like anger, hatred, violence, murder, greed, jealousy, lying, stealing, cheating, corruption, etc.

According to the Bible, one of the greatest fornicators that ever lived was King Solomon. The Bible tells us that he was the wisest man of his time. When God asked him what he desired above all, Solomon asked for wisdom. For all his wisdom, Solomon had some weak spots. He could not say no to compromise or to lustful desires. In Kings 1:3 the Bible tells us that he had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines, and his wives led him astray! The Bible continues to remind us that the wrath of God will come upon us when we continue to disregard God's standard when it comes to sex. God's wrath is so severe, that He even destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of all the sexual fornications that were going on at that time. God's plan for natural sexual relationships is His idea for His creation. Unfortunately, sin has distorted the natural use of God's gifts.

Sin often means not only denying God, but also denying the way we were made. When people say that any sexual act is acceptable as long as nobody gets hurt, they are only fooling themselves.

In the long run (and often in the short run), sin hurts people—individuals, families and even whole societies. Because sex is such a powerful and essential part of what it means to be human it must be treated with great respect. Sexual desires are of such importance, that the Bible gives it special attention and counsels more restraint and self control than with any other sin.

One of the clearest indicators of a society or a person in rebellion against God is the rejection of God's guidelines for the use of sex. People tend to believe lies that reinforce their own selfish personal beliefs. Today, more than ever, we need to be very careful about the input we allow to form our beliefs. With television, music, movies and the rest of the media often presenting sinful lifestyles and unwholesome values, we find ourselves constantly bombarded by attitudes and beliefs that are totally opposed to the Bible. Be careful what you allow to form your opinions. The Bible is the only standard of the truth. Evaluate all other options in light of its teaching. Sexual standards in this country and abroad are very low in societies. The temptation to engage in sexual intercourse outside the marriage relationship has always been very powerful. Giving in to that temptation can have disastrous results. Once again, sexual sins always hurt someone: individuals, families, business, and churches. Besides the physical consequences, there are also spiritual consequences that we must face someday for our sexual sins that defy the Will of the Lord. Christians are free to be all they can be for God, but they are not free from God! God created sex to be a beautiful and essential ingredient of marriage, But sexual sin---sex outside of the natural marriage relationship---always hurts someone. It hurts God because it shows that we prefer following our own desires instead of the leading of the Holy Spirit. It hurts others because it violates the commitment so necessary to a relationship. It often brings disease to our bodies. And it deeply affects our personalities, which respond in anguish when we harm ourselves physically emotionally, and spiritually. Sometimes when we try to be physically and spiritually pure, we are looked down upon by others. In this world with all its unbridled fleshly freedom, there are no restraints put against us, only the word of God. The reasons for this disregard for God's Word, is that the greater majority of the world don't really understand the word of God as it is written. Here are just a few of the many scriptures in the Bible that are written to help us avoid this deadly sin. In **1 Corinthians 6-13** it is written; **The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.** In **1 Thessalonians 4:3** it is also written; **It is God's Will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality.** In **Hebrews 13:4** God tells us that: **Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.**

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord, I hope that this month's inspired message will serve as a constant reminder how spiritually dangerous sexual fornication can be. As I said in the beginning of this message, this sin of the flesh is one of the most alluring sins we are faced with, in our spiritual walk with Christ. The devil loves this sin the most, because it is one of the most powerful weapons that he has in his arsenal. Reason being, it appeals to our natural senses, making it so much harder to defend against. But with God on our sides, we are assured victory in the long run from this destructive sin when we call upon the Lord's Name for His help!!

Let's all try and remember that, as societies change, they often throw out norms and values no longer considered necessary or acceptable. Believers must be careful not to follow society's example if it discards God's Word. When society does that, only godlessness and evil remain!!! Amen.



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

Grow strong in the Light on My Presence. As My Face shines upon you, you receive nutrients that enhance your growth I designed you to commune with Me face to Face, and this interaction strengthens your soul. Such communion provides a tiny glimpse of what awaits you in heaven, where all barriers between you and My Glory will be removed. This meditative time with Me blesses you doubly: You experience My Presence here and now, and you are refreshed by the hope of heaven, where you will know me in ecstatic joy. (**Psalm 4:6-8; Revelation 21:23**)

PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Proverbs 29:25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trust in the Lord is keep safe.

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

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THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for: Ed Messner, Earnie Carbone, Christine Palma, Andrea Arceneaux, The Wilson Family, Joe Lakes, The Stein Family, The Wade Family, Jonathan Baker, Cole Brandt, John Turk, Janet Neil, Dorothy Leary, Bob McCormick, Joy Valari Greg Achinko Sr. Greg Dubrois, Johanna Tyson, Joe Longo.

Also a daily prayer for all: The sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the persecuted, the hunger, the weary, the lame, the brokenhearted, the poor in spirit, the angry, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the selfishness, the fornications, the corruption, etc.

Furthermore: A special prayer for the United States of America. May God restore this nation back to being one nation under God. May He once again shine His Light back on us and shed His Grace on thee. Lord, please forgive our sins and sanctify this nation! I ask this prayer in Jesus NameAmen.

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Well my brothers and sisters that will about do it for this month's inspired message. It is my hope, that this message will help us all better understand what God expects from us, when it comes to sexual relationships.

May we continue to grow in God's Wisdom for life!! **"God Bless"**

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