

“Holy Sexuality”

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1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

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1. How we live is of great importance.
2. God has made his expectations clear.
3. As those who have been adopted into God's family, we have an obligation to behave according to his house rules.

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4. We have an opportunity to bring God joy through our daily obedience.
5. A godly lifestyle is an ongoing endeavor.
6. The practical instructions we have the authority of Jesus our Ruler.

1. We should recognize the possibility of holy sexuality.

2. We should recognize the nature of holy sexuality.

- a. We should steer clear of all deviant forms of sexual expression (v. 3).
- b. We should exercise self-control in our sexual expression (v. 4-5).

Ephesians 5:3 New International Version (NIV)

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.

Proverbs 7:6-10 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ At the window of my house

I looked down through the lattice.

⁷ I saw among the simple,

*I noticed among the young men,
a youth who had no sense.*

*⁸ He was going down the street near her corner,
walking along in the direction of her house*

*⁹ at twilight, as the day was fading,
as the dark of night set in.*

*¹⁰ Then out came a woman to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.*

“I will keep the law given by God; sanctioned by man. I will hold to the principles received by me when I was sane, and not made – as I am now...If at my individual convenience I might break them, what would be their worth? They have a worth – so I have always believed; and if I cannot believe it now, it is because I am insane – quite insane: with my veins running fire, and my heart beating faster than I can count its throbs. Preconceived opinions, foregone determinations, are all I have at this hour to stand by: there I plant my foot.”

--Jane Eyre

3. We should recognize the seriousness of holy sexuality.

- a. Sexual sin is an act of violence against another person (v. 6a).
- b. Sexual sin will be avenged by Jesus (v. 6b).
- c. Sexual sin causes us to abandon the calling we have received from God (v. 7-8a).
- d. Sexual sin is an act of rebellion against the indwelling Holy Spirit (v. 8b).