

Holy Living: In Relation to Ourselves (Part 2 – Living Sexually Pure Lives)

Text: Hebrews 13:4

Main Idea: Living a holy life of worship requires that we only have sex within God's ordained covenant marriage, knowing that He will judge those who practice sex outside marriage.

1. _____ Marriage: Think of marriage as precious & valuable! (v. 4a)

- How can we *honor marriage*?
 - 1) By agreeing that marriage is _____ ordained covenant institution between a man & woman.
 - 2) By living according to God's _____: LOVE & RESPECT! ((Eph 5:22-33)
 - 3) By _____ ourselves from sexual sin: Fornication or Adultery!
 - 4) By _____ the totality of the marriage relationship, including the physical & sexual relationship. (Prov 5:15-19, 1 Cor 7:2-5)
- How do we *dishonor marriage*?
 - 1) By viewing _____ as more spiritual. (1 Tim 4:3, 1 Cor 7:1-2, 8-9, 32-35)
 - 2) By supporting & endorsing the idea of _____ "marriage." (Lev 20:13, 1 Cor 6:9-11)
 - 3) By following our culture's _____ divorce practices. (Mal 2:16)
 - 4) By marrying an _____. (Mal 2:11, 2 Cor 6:14, 1 Cor 7:39)
 - 5) By having sexual relations with someone who is not your spouse, _____ the marriage covenant!

2. Be sexually _____: Don't follow the way of the world! (v. 4b, 1 Thess 4:3-8)

- _____ away from sexual sin! (v. 3)
- Know how to _____ your body so that it honors God! (v. 4)
- Don't act like the rest of the unsaved _____ who are driven by their lust! (v. 5)
- Don't defraud or take _____ of another person for your own pleasure! (v. 6)
- If you reject these instructions you are rejecting ____! (8)

3. Beware of _____ to come! (v. 4c, Eph 5:5-6, 1 Cor 6:9-10, Rev 21:8)

There is _____ for those who truly repent & follow Jesus! (1 Cor 6:11, 1 Tim 1:15-16, 1 John 1:9)

Application/Study Questions:

1. How is living with someone (not being married) and having sexual relations with someone not your spouse inconsistent with being a professing Christian? Read 1 John 3:4-10.
2. What are some practical ways that you can plan that will help you prevent falling into sexual sin?
3. How can we show love to those in a homosexual relationship or those in an immoral heterosexual relationship? Is it love to ignore the truth of Scripture?
4. If you are not married, how can you "handle" your own body so that it honors God? (1 Thess 4:3-8)
5. If you have committed sexual immorality or adultery, what *hope* does 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 give you?