

“The Holiness Code: Biblical Sexuality”
Leviticus 18-20

“When we walk in sin, normalize sin, and minimize the severity of sin, we reject the wisdom of God. When we reject the wisdom of God, we reject God. When we reject God, we spend eternity in Hell.”

“We are all naturally rebellious. We are all naturally resistant to authority. Yet, it is impossible to love God without submitting to the authorities He has ordained. Namely, the authorities He has ordained, operating according to His Word.”

- What is sexual immorality?
 - It is a surrendering of our sexual purity (porneia). It is a rejection of what God’s Word clearly teaches about sexuality and an acceptance of what the culture or self affirms or teaches (Leviticus 18:1-5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 & 18-20).
 - God takes sexual immorality among His people incredibly seriously. Unrepentant sin that is not being warred against is unacceptable among the Christian community (Leviticus 18:29 & 1 Corinthians 5:9-13).
 - All sin is led by our natural sinful desires. We are all born with desires for sexual immorality that must be battled against and put to death (James 1:14-17). There are also other sins that lead to sexual immorality that must be addressed as well.
 - Practicing biblical sexuality glorifies God and the scriptures are clear about what God glorifying sexuality looks like; so let’s define it:
 - God-glorifying sexuality is sex inside of the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6 & Genesis 2:21-25).
 - God-glorifying sexuality is seen in a husband striving to love his wife as Christ loves the church and a wife submitting to her husband's leadership as he is striving to do this. Submission is designed to flourish when both parties are striving to be in submission to God’s Word. When God’s Word is rejected submission can become destructive (Ephesians 5:22-32).
 - God-glorifying sexuality starts in the heart. It starts in how you view the opposite sex. Does a man view women as a means to fulfilling sexual pleasure and dominating and controlling her (Matthew 5:27-30)? Does a woman view a man as an abuser of power, a devaluer of her worth, and a restrictor of her freedom (Ephesians 5:22-32)?
 - Do women view men as protectors, providers, and spiritual leaders and do men look to protect, provide, and be a spiritual example to women and men (The Bible)?
 - Do women find their ultimate worth in Christ and obedience to His Word and see physical beauty as secondary to spiritual beauty. Do men desire for women to find their worth in Christ and do men desire to see physical beauty as secondary to spiritual beauty (1 Peter 3:3-6; Proverbs 31:29-30; Proverbs 11:22)?
 - Do women devalue the importance of motherhood and being homemakers? Do they find this call insulting (Titus 2:3-5)? Do men continue to want their wives to be their mothers and not grow up and take responsibility; to want to “play games” instead of be responsible?
 - Do Christian men and women show and teach their children what a godly marriage and godly interactions look like between men and women (Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-9)?

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- Christians have equally contributed to the current sexual confusion and brokenness that we see in our world and culture. We must own this and repent.
 - 36% of Christian marriages end up in divorce.
 - 22% of Christians believe that gender identity is a matter of choice.
 - 49% of Christians don't think sex outside of marriage is sin.
 - 40% of Christians do not believe that homosexuality is a sin (another 17% are unsure).
- Other statistics:
 - Domestic violence occurs in 27% of all homes.
 - 25% of women will be raped before the age of 44.
 - 25% of children live in fatherless homes.
 - 12% of girls experience sexual abuse from an adult before the age of 18.