

12 Real Christian Morals

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The Bible provides a clear and comprehensive teaching on sex, marriage, and morality, and offers a solution to immorality through following Jesus' teaching.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker addresses the issue of sexual immorality and its consequences. He shares a personal experience of dealing with similar situations and emphasizes the importance of being cautious, especially for women, in order to avoid dangerous encounters. The speaker highlights the psychological effects of indulging in sinful desires and warns against the belief that such behavior brings pleasure without consequences. He references the Bible, particularly 2 Timothy 2:22, to encourage the audience to flee from youthful lusts and instead pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace. The sermon concludes with a call to adhere to the Ten Commandments and reject the acceptance of pornography in society.

Transcript

I'm mainly going to trace some thoughts or some... through some verses in the Bible. So I hope you all have your Bible. I'm interested in seeing what the Bible has to say.

Aren't you interested in seeing what the Bible has to say about sex, about marriage, about all these hush-hush subjects? And I think you need to realize that if you think all these things are hush-hush and we shouldn't talk about them, I think you're completely wrong because the Bible speaks loud and clear. Many times the critics and those against the Christian faith say that we are maintaining a Victorian ethic. The fact of the matter is I don't believe that the true Christian position is a Victorian ethic.

I believe it's a biblical ethic. And it's not like it was a hundred years ago where no one would ever talk about it and yet all kinds of vile things were happening just as today, not quite to the degree today. Do not think that all this promiscuity and immorality is new.

It was going on before Noah and his ark. Such immoral atrocities were taking place in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah and even in the Corinthian church. Imagine, the Spirit of God has allowed it to be recorded in Scripture that men were having sex affairs with their mothers.

That's recorded by the Holy Spirit in the book of Corinthians. Some feel that probably was their second mother or stepmother, but it's recorded in the book of Corinthians and the author, the Apostle Paul says these things aren't even named among the heathen much less in the church of God. So the Bible speaks and because the Bible speaks I must speak, though I don't want to and though I know some people will misunderstand I must speak.

You know, there's a lot of statistics being released. I don't know if many of us realize just what a moral deluge our culture is caught up in and what a severe situation we are facing. Let me just give you a few of the facts just to give you a little idea of what we're up against.

In speaking about premarital pregnancy that which years ago was considered a great sin that which of course the Bible condemns as part or as the reaping of an immoral relationship statistics show that now in England one out of three brides are already pregnant at the wedding. One out of three in England one out of two in Denmark two out of five in Sweden and yet God says this sin is worthy of judgment. In America, teenage marriage is the big thing.

Statistics show 40% of all teenage brides are pregnant before the wedding. 40%! 50% of all teenage marriages end in a divorce within five years. I think these are some figures that may be good for us to realize.

The statistics aren't much better in some other countries. The divorce rate for those who marry before 18 is two to four times higher than those who marry later on in life. Last year in the United States 300,000 women had babies but no husband.

300,000! Went on to report that in the same year No, it wouldn't be the same. Of course it wouldn't be the same. There were 300,000 cases of abortion in the United States.

Incredible! Of course, as you know some European countries starting with England have now legalized abortion. And you've read just what this is doing in the United States. I was reading in another book that one out of three marriages in the United States ends in divorce, approximately.

But in Los Angeles and Hollywood the kingdom of the romance world one out of every two marriages ends in a divorce court. Now I can give you all kinds of statistics. Some of them very gruesome.

But I'm not here to do that. But I think that you and I must realize as naive as you may want to be I don't know why anybody wants to remain naive in this crazy world that we are living in a culture that is approaching a situation similar to Sodom and Gomorrah. And there's some things I'm even afraid to say because the book of Ephesians says just don't talk about some of these things that are being done today.

And I don't want to dwell on that. I just don't want to. I want to go to the Word and I want to see the Lord Jesus' solution.

But the Bible is no silent book when it comes to all these things. And I think it is wise for us to know what the Scripture says. The Bible says that we are not ignorant of Satan's devices.

And it's this one thing that Satan seems to be using to discourage and to destroy more people. After you leave OM and I've got a lot of indication and proof that this is true some of you will face the biggest battle in your Christian life in this area of morals and purity. And now during this month most people will live a fairly clean and moral life serving Christ.

When you go back and get into this Sodom and Gomorrah society where you're expected to yield and where you'll be considered old-fashioned if you don't do this and if you don't do that. Surveys have shown that 80% of university girls felt it was sensible, logical, and reasonable to have sex before marriage. 80%! And this is the kind of culture you're going to face.

Will you have any answers? Or will you just say oh well my grandma says we're not allowed to do that. Will you have any answers? Will you have any sensible reasons why we don't believe in this way of living? Will you know what Jesus taught? What the Old Testament says? What the effects of such sin will be? The Bible says whatsoever a man sows and that includes a girl she shall reap. And I've seen it.

My wife and I have seen it. And for 5 or 10 or 15 minutes of so-called pleasure a lifetime of tears, heartache, and a lot of other things. And so we believe this is something worth spending an hour together speaking about.

The Bible is very, very clear. And I think one of the best verses is found in 2 Timothy chapter 2. I hope you'll write these references down and study them. 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 22.

Paul speaking to Timothy, a young man with all the problems of manhood. Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, love, peace were them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Flee youthful lusts.

And I hope that when you go from this meeting today you'll have that great desire to do as Paul told Timothy to flee youthful lusts. They will come upon us in various ways. And God tells us to flee them.

Then another great verse is in Hebrews. Book of Hebrews. I'll find it for you.

Chapter 13, I believe. Verse 4. Marriage is honorable in all. The bed undefiled.

But whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Now this is very clear. It's two categories.

One is sex within marriage. They use the old-fashioned expression the bed is undefiled. Modern term, sex.

Speaking of the marriage bed. It's very clear. And this was here in the 19th century, the 18th century, the 17th century.

It's been written there as clear as it could be from early Christian days. It's only been certain cultures that have pushed all this down under the table. But God says marriage is honorable.

Marriage is beautiful. I had a high Anglican priest, hardly an evangelical, found out Greg had a Roman Catholic priest say the same thing to him. He told me it's better for me, speaking about himself, to fall into sin with a woman every once in a while than to get married like you and just sin all your life.

And it was the early teaching of the church and is held by many today, the Roman church, that marriage is basically a lower state and even sinful. Just something that has to happen because of the fall. And so it's better if, you know, you fall into sin with a prostitute every fourth week, like, of course, a high percentage of all these people do that are sworn unto celibacy and all that business.

You can't imagine the books that are written, even by Roman Catholics. Why do you think they're so swinging away from this celibacy concept, which I'm not saying is wrong if it's a voluntary thing, purely voluntarily, by a man led of God, because we have that within the Protestants, an evangelical belief. But

it's just incredible what we have in South America.

Hundreds of thousands of children are born every year by priests and nuns. Hundreds of thousands. They have whole cemeteries in South America where they just buried all the children of priests and nuns and all their immorality.

So what the Bible talked about in the Corinthian church has not stopped, and it's existing to this day. And this is because this false idea that marriage is, you know, a bit sinful for the weak, for the undedicated, completely contrary to Scripture. Marriage is honorable, and the bed, sex, is undefiled.

For every one Christian girl, I think the picture is changing now, but I think some years back, that was having trouble because she perhaps didn't know how to control herself in the area of sex. There's another Christian girl with the other end of a pendulum and basically a twisted view about sex so that when she finally was married all kinds of difficulties came in. And that twisted view is the idea that sex is dirty.

Some of you have been taught since you were little in the indirect method that sex is dirty. And when a child first mentions the subject, the mother, you know, you must not speak about that, Johnny. Or the first time he happens to touch his private little sex organ, slap his hand.

And oh my, from the very smallest child this idea is built into us. Something is wrong with sex. Something is wrong with sex.

And many young girls who've been reared in the church are brainwashed into this. And they're in for difficulty. They're in for difficulty.

And I just, oh, I just yearn to have God's people with a balanced, healthy view of sex and of its place in His plan, not just for creating more children, but the book of Ephesians, and let's look at that now, makes a comparison with Jesus Christ and the church, Ephesians chapter 5. Every time I speak on this message it always comes out different because there's so much material in the Bible without even going to other sources. Ephesians 5. It speaks about the husband and the wife, the wife submitting to her husband, verse 22, the husband loving his wife, verse 25, as Christ loved the church. What a blow that is for us men.

Boy, if anything will keep us humble, it's that verse. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word. That he may present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. And he goes on to say, verse 32, this is a great mystery, this thing of marriage, but I speak concerning Christ in the church.

What a comparison. The husband and the wife uniting in the holy bond of matrimony, being compared with Jesus Christ and the church. Is there anything more pure, more beautiful? This is why I so yearn, my wife and I so yearn, to see girls keeping their bodies pure and clean for that right man at that right time.

This is why we covet for the Lord those who would walk in purity and according to his word. May God show us the beautifulness of all of this truth. There are, of course, many verses in the book of Corinthians, but I'd like to go back into the Old Testament and point out some verses that most people don't see.

And if they do read them, they must pass over them very quickly. In the book of Genesis, chapter 35, these are the verses that I've never heard anybody preach on, never. Chapter 35 of the book of Genesis, the story of Reuben.

Verse 22. We read, And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah, his father's concubine, and Israel her.

Now this was a terrible sin and we see the judgment of God upon Reuben. If we turn over to 49, verse 3 and 4. Here's the pronouncement on Reuben. Reuben, verse 3 and 4, chapter 49.

Thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength. The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. But because Reuben was immoral, look at what God calls him, look, unstable as water, thou shalt not excel, because thou wentest up to thy father's bed, then defilest thou it.

He went up to my couch. We see Reuben in chapter 35 committing immorality. We see 13 chapters later the judgment.

Unstable as water. This is true of a man, it is true of a woman who doesn't have control of this area of their life. They are as unstable as water and they will not know success.

They will not know reality. What a tremendous thing it is today to see the power of the Holy Spirit give strength even to the weakest. Now I'll talk about that a little later.

I want to say it right from the beginning. There is all the hope in the world for the weakest, for the one who's had the most problems, for anybody. The message I have for you this afternoon is a great message of hope.

No matter what your problem, no matter how unstable you may think you are, like Reuben, it's a message of hope. Let's look at a few more stories in the Old Testament. The sin of David.

Very, very important. Not just for men. We often think, oh, the sin of David.

No, that's for the boys. But there was a woman involved and a very important lesson about modesty. 2 Samuel chapter 11.

2 Samuel chapter 11. We have David's great sin. I won't take time to read it all.

You know, David's great sin wasn't that he was up on that roof. I mean, it wasn't that he was falling, first of all, into sin. Really, his first sin was that he was up on the roof instead of being out in the warfare.

That's right. I'm convinced that there are young people in England who should be right here now. And that some of them, this summer, will fall into immorality.

I'll have them come and tell me. And it's not because of that situation. It's because they disobeyed the Lord in not getting into the warfare.

Maybe here, maybe somewhere else. That's why I want to stay in the will of God. That's always the safest place to be, isn't it? Well, when David decided not to go to war and take it easy and go up on the roof and look around, that was the end.

Myself, I don't like to play around. If you know you're weak, well then, don't go around on any roofs. Of course, that's more to the boys.

But you see, the problem was there was a girl. And we have girls just like this out of nowhere. They give very little, we don't have many, thank the Lord, but they give very little thought where they're undressing.

But you need to be a little careful where you're dressing and undressing, where you're going to take your suntan. I'm not against you taking a suntan. But you better make sure where you're going to get it.

Anyway, this girl, Bathsheba, went up to the roof and she didn't realize there was a roof next to her that was a little bit higher. And what happened? Came to pass an even tide that David arose from off his bed and walked upon the roof of the king's house and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself. Now, maybe you'll consider me wrong, but I think she's guilty.

I think she's partly to blame for this whole miserable story and what it led to, which was adultery, murder, and the entire judgment in the house of David. One girl, out of place, not discreet, not modest, not wise. And all the ruin and the hurting.

Of course, this gives no excuse for David. And when I get to speak to the men an hour from now, there's no excuses. I don't care what they run into because we have the power.

Anyway, David called for this girl and he committed immorality with her, verse 4, and he lay with her and then, of course, he was afraid and Uriah came back. This is a fantastic story. The picture of the true disciple.

Uriah comes back and because he was engaged in warfare, though David very nicely arranged for Uriah to go and sleep with his wife so that when the baby was born there'd be no problem, I've had adulterous men, immoral men. You know what they've told me? When they go out for women, they look for married women. Men who are really wicked, they look for married women.

And there's more immorality within marriage and among married people than among single people without any question. There's plenty in both places. But don't think that some of your problems in this area are all going to solve when you get married.

And even many married people who have been reared in a rather innocent environment which is all well and good have no concept of the tremendous immorality among married people. And so David arranged for Uriah to go in and sleep with his wife so that everything would look fine. See that's what happens when we commit sin and we try to cover and we get deeper because Uriah wouldn't go in even to his own wife.

He slept on the doorstep and went back to battle. And then you have the story of Nathan coming to David and saying to this great man of God thou art the man thou art the man he was caught trapped by his own sin by his own lies and you know what the next step was. How many know what was the fate of Uriah the next thing that David did? How many know what David did? Only half of you.

He murdered Uriah. He arranged for the murder of Uriah. And if you study case histories of murder you will discover in a high percentage of all the case histories of murder there was a woman or a man and some adultery or immorality.

They worked together. These two big giant killers murder and immorality they worked together side by side equally condemned in scripture yet praise be to God equally forgivable for Moses himself who gave the Ten Commandments or brought them from God he was a murderer. So I'm not saying these things to condemn you or to get you to think I'm past sin.

That's gone. I'm not interested in the past unless it's never been confessed to the Lord which is probably doubtful. I'm here interested in the future and the Lord may have allowed that past failure though you are responsible to awaken you and to bring you into victory to protect you from far far greater battles in the days to come.

And so we see the sin of David the judgment of David and of course if we read Psalm 51 praise God for that we see the repentance of David we see the full forgiveness of God coming upon him so that he was restored to wonderful fellowship and it's said in the word of God that David was a man after God's own heart. Isn't that grace?

God's wonderful grace a murderer an adulterer a liar yet restored forgiven and filled with the joy of God and Jesus was the same way for when he found that woman taken in adultery and they were ready to pick up stones and toss them at her and kill her he said he who is without sin among you cast the first stone and they dropped their stones and Jesus turned on this so-called wicked woman go and sin no more he wasn't concerned about the past that was forgiven but he was concerned about the future go and sin no more then we have another story about a man named Amnon how many have ever heard of Amnon and Tamar make some of our modern day novels look like they were written in the 19th century Amnon and Tamar and I think we'll find this in 2 Samuel 13 now one thing you need to realize that

this this sex drive is the most seemingly the most uncontrollable force in man and I have known of men who seem to be perfectly normal and wonderful and yet when they begin to get caught up by the lust of the flesh they go completely out of their minds and nothing will stop and this is the case with this man Amnon he fell in lust not in love he fell in lust with Tamar verse 1 tells who Tamar is came to pass after this that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister whose name was Tamar and Amnon Amnon the son of David loved her and so she was a relative it says in verse 2 Amnon was sore vexed another old fashioned word he was aroused he was excited his his lust was moving and he even fell sick I tell you it's really something when you see someone come down with psychosomatic sicknesses

purely as a result of lust and love and the frustrations that come sometimes through all of that and finally over in verse 14 he approached her and she tried to stop him but it says how be it he would not hearken unto her voice but being stronger than she forced her and lay with her now in this case the woman was forced and you know I have unfortunately had to deal with cases in my ministry in which I've faced similar situations not many but it's one of the reasons we prefer girls especially at night to go out two by two because in these days I want to tell you there are men loose that will do almost anything but notice what happened to him notice the psychological effect when he got what he wanted what he was dreaming about what he thought was the greatest thing in the world what

happened to him verse 15 then Amnon hated her exceedingly so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her and Amnon said unto her arise and be gone and later on we read of course that Amnon had to be killed over in the next chapter but this is this is important listen you'll get the same effect if perhaps the girl is consenting up till that point this boy will show love and you're everything in the world and he must have you and we must do this thing and the words will just flow

and the whole situation will be overwhelming but then after it happens many times a whole psychological twist comes over him and he'll hate you he'll no longer respect you and the last thing he'll want to do is marry you isn't that a subtle trick of the devil do not

listen to the lie that the only way that you're really going to be sure of compatibility in marriage is to have sex before marriage that's the greatest way to produce a whole series of psychological and emotional disorders and perhaps even break what could be a God-given romance and many a Christian young man and Christian young girl who would never think of having any immoral relationship with someone else the year before their wedding fall again and again I have faced this among Christians you are no more allowed in God's plan to have marriage relationship one day before the wedding you are no more licensed in Scripture for this than to have it with a prostitute that's what the Bible says sex is for within marriage even in the Old Testament when they didn't have the kind of legal

marriage like we do marriage was always consummated and announced to everyone therefore there is no room for sex before marriage according to Scripture and when I hear about evangelicals I heard about an evangelical minister in Sweden teaching there was nothing wrong with sex before marriage it just makes me tremble because there's too many Scriptures and because even apart from Scripture the psychological effects of such activity is tremendous it may not be as bad as with Ennon who God commanded to be stoned but it's still a terrible thing in the sight of God then of course we have the story of Samson and Delilah I haven't got time to go into that oh I tell you have you ever wondered where a woman's power is that's it power to take the strongest men in the book of Proverbs we men are

warned that by the loose woman our lives can be made into a piece of bread you read Proverbs 5 6 and 7 if you want to read clear exhortation on sex you read Proverbs 5, 6, 7 and 8 and you know what the Bible says there in Proverbs it says the loose woman lives for the precious life oh no wonder we've seen some of the best evangelists knocked out by immorality I know of at least six leading men in Christianity evangelists top men who have been completely wiped out by immorality and I'm only very young I know of I know of some who have been put in jail for it it was in the headlines of one European paper one of the most famous evangelists in one European country radio ministry tract distribution Bible school it came out in the press of his country evangelists so and so accused of immorality

they proved that he had sex relations with one third of all the girls in his Bible school you think we're playing with a game you think O.M. exaggerates these things then I would say you lack a little bit of education and I want to tell you the girls who were involved in that mess some of them I would say have permanent psychological damage permanent psychological damage don't you presume that the most committed man is not capable of falling because of the power in your body he's still guilty he's without excuse you're to blame just as much as he and all young girls learning how to dress modestly it hurts me when I meet people who don't understand why we would prefer the skirts to be a little lower why we prefer that girls learn how to sit learn how to walk because most of my counseling

is with men and I can tell you if we took a survey right now these men would tell you that girls sitting wrong and girls wearing clothing that isn't modest and skirts that are too short there are some exceptions there are some boys that don't have any problems of course you can't base a philosophy on that the Bible doesn't talks about being a stumbling block to even one pain and you know a lot of girls don't understand this this is why such sessions I believe are important they don't understand men and the fact that when a man through some trick of the mind sees a certain part of the woman's body something begins to move it's just like a locomotive going down a track and some of course who are mature in the Lord they just

immediately take it to the Lord and it's over that's what we're

trying to teach praise God I would say that we have in this army of young men many who really know pure living and you don't have to worry what they see they've got the victory but there are many who don't and with a man it starts going and with Christian boys because naturally they don't usually at least in an environment like this find a girl and commit immorality it generally always leads to masturbation ninety percent of all the boys I've ever counseled and that's a lot of people in fifteen years have told me one of the major problems in their Christian life is masturbation if you don't know what that is you ask any one of our girl leaders talk to my wife and this is promoted the biggest thing that promotes this next to illicit magazines that's one of the big things is girls who don't

dress properly now if I were a girl and I thought that the way I dress was going to cause a boy to lust and then to fall into masturbation which then he usually feels terrifically guilty and gets tremendously depressed I know of some who quit the Christian faith because they never got victory over this I believe that's foolish and I don't believe this is the big bad sin that people make it out I put it on the category with impatience and with irritability it's wrong but it's not the seventh deadly sin it's not the same as adultery and one of the reasons I'm saying this is because I know there's a certain percentage of girls that do fight the same problem and some of them get terrifically condemned and depressed some feel that they've committed some subtle form of adultery through this sin

of self-abuse and I would just suggest that if you have some of these wrong ideas you seek some counseling and some sharing God understands you God understands the terrific battle this is for some girls and for most men and he's able to forgive he's able to give tremendous victory even if the skirts don't get lower and girls don't get modester he's still able to give the victory that's what I'm counting on that's where my hope lies not in the other areas though I'll do what I can for the sake of my other brethren in that area and so these things are serious when we talk about modest dress we're not playing a verbal game we're not trying to be victorians we're trying to keep men from the sins of David of Edmund of Samson and of a host of others who through lust who through the power

generated by women sex attraction fell and destroyed their lives Samson destroyed his life because he could not control his appetite for women I know an evangelist masquerading around the world who after the evangelistic meeting usually has a prostitute in the hotel waiting for him he justifies it from the Old Testament saying that as a great man of God he's allowed extra wives and concubines and prostitutes and he's preaching on holiness all over the world he's been banned from many countries but the world's a big place so he just goes to another country and I believe one of the reasons God has kept O.M. so free from this kind of devilish trick is we've taken a stand and when we preach out and we put the as we say cards on the table and we walk in the light with one another I want to

tell you it's ten times harder to fall I don't think that we as O.M. leaders haven't been tempted to fall in various ways almost all Christian men are tempted but because of the position we've taken because of the fellowship because of what we believe and what we teach God has kept us and I want to tell you his keeping power over me five years when I was single unbelievable no it's been a lot easier since I've been married when you're away from your wife four or five months a year it's no game but his keeping power is tremendous tremendous and you will play an important role many times the man just cannot put on the brakes the female brakes are better than the male brakes when it comes to sex believe me you may not think so and he will respect you more for it he will respect you more for

it he may tell you oh if you don't do this you don't appreciate me you don't really love me you must prove your love he'll say you prove your love you prove your love to Jesus first and he'll respect you and if he doesn't do you want to marry him I don't think so not really so we have many of these illustrations in the Old Testament we have the illustration of the sons of Eli 1 Samuel 2.22 you know if there's any message I refuse to exaggerate on it's this one as I'm thinking back of what I've said and I'll continue to do that I'm not in any way exaggerating and I don't think the scriptures are exaggerating either now Eli was very old and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel and Eli of course was a great man of God a great leader but his sons went astray and look what it says the

Bible's rather outspoken isn't it did you ever realize how straight the Bible was this is why liberals who hate the Bible say it's a pornographic book there's whole books written against the Bible calling it a pornographic book one book is called the Dirty Bible there's a new book just produced shows pictures of all these events people in actual sex relationships pictures and it's called the Dirty Bible and it's so blasphemous that I wouldn't even look at it if I could find it do you realize today that in cities like Copenhagen people pay a dollar and go into a room and watch the sex act that's entertainment today that's how far we've gone there's no stopping once we say the Ten Commandments are no longer valid there's no stopping that's why I say let's stop right there where the Ten

Commandments are and so we see this description that Eli's son were laying with women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation and all these things God condemns that's why the Bible is not a pornographic book because in every case God condemns it it's realism but in every case it's condemned whereas pornography exalts it and makes it seem wonderful you can see the terrific difference sorry if some of you are having any difficulty getting this through translation now in the book of Leviticus and in the book of Romans 1 and I'm going to have to go very quickly over this we have discussed the problem of homosexuality recent report showed that one tenth of all the population of San Francisco is now homosexual male and female one tenth of the whole population in England

the new law is that now homosexuality is legal as long as both partners are in agreement the Bible condemns it it says because of these things the wrath of God is coming in our day it's just growing one of the reasons it's growing is because men are not taking the rightful place in the home psychologically the biggest thing that produces homosexuality in men is a weak father and a dominant mother poor father-son relationship or no relationship mother running the show boy develops homosexual tendency again and again and again I have faced it I have been involved in counseling homosexuals for thirteen years in my Christian life ever since I met one who was a leading singer in one of the biggest Christian choirs in the world or in the United States and he was a practicing militant homosexual

who was being torn apart because homosexuals almost always have psychological complications you say well that's not a great problem for us that seems to be a boy's problem no no homosexuality among women is on the increase it is everywhere it's more hidden less talked about but it's there and I have never been in a large Christian group of this size or larger where there were not some who were faced with homosexual tendencies and you know if all I do in this one hour is help one person who has this problem I'll consider worth the pain that I get in my vocal cords because look most likely if you do have a homosexual problem which is called lesbianism among women there is victory you probably if you're here don't have what I would consider as a situation that's just too far gone you're just

suffering from the sins of your parents or you're reaping and too far gone I doubt if anybody's in that situation it is quite normal in adolescence for men and women to get a dual desire it's quite normal and

with some counseling and with some proper discipline I don't know any hope without discipline sorry there is great hope we have homosexuals I don't know ever but they're victorious ones I don't believe we can condemn a man simply because his desires have been mixed up and confused and he has a psychological problem but if he practices it that's where he's condemned and so we've had men who have a real problem now like I've said in other messages God can do two things he can deliver now I've seen that I've seen God deliver bring normal desires in and bring the path of normal marriage

he can do that but he often somehow I don't know why but he doesn't but he gives a victory through the problem he may deliver you of that strange emotion that must frighten you sometimes but he may on the other hand choose to give you the grace to live with it and to overcome through discipline and if you have this kind of problem it will probably make you a mighty woman of God or destroy you one or the other and the Bible speaks in Leviticus about this the Bible even speaks openly in Leviticus about relations with animals far more common than we think also in our day you'd say boy I've never heard anyone speak on this well don't you read your Bible it's there and it's condemned this is a very big thing in the field of pornography today and most girls have no idea of how wicked

pornography is now maybe you're learning a lot today but it won't hurt you pornography is not pictures of girls without clothing that is not pornography not in the real definition I consider that semi-pornographic and I don't believe it of course it's just rubbish because it does something that's against God's order but real pornography goes way beyond that I'm not going to talk about it but it just goes way beyond that and it goes into picturing what the Bible describes in Leviticus in Romans and in other places and God condemns it and we as Christians should stand against pornography you can read the Church Times over here or the English Church newspaper that has an article about the anti-pornographic effort that we unofficially had it wasn't O.M. it was Christian Action one of our

affiliated movements had in the Soho of London because we hate it and we believe that all these illegal they are illegal shops in Britain should be closed by the government mind you we don't get much time to this because we have to preach Christ but it's worth once every other year a few shouts and a few buzzes in the night and it lets off a lot of energy as well and a lot of hatred that we have toward this literature that destroys men and makes them like a piece of bread so all this is very serious before God and it's very important that we know what the Bible teaches and that these things are condemned and I feel that the periphery activities that border on these sins are also to be condemned what do I mean by that flirting I would never condemn a girl for being a little bit flirtatious

some girls have that natural bent some of them aren't even conscious of it some of you girls you don't have a clue that your eyes communicate like a radar station my wife's eyes do that and she didn't know it until some people told her she's deadly eyes so now she's got to keep them on me and some of you are not conscious that you're you're a bit sexy what Christian girls yes Christian girls and you must therefore try to discipline yourself and try to watch out for the lingering handshakes and the elongated looks that leave some boys absolutely in circles now a lot of girls tend to feel inferior to boys I'd love to take a survey but I'm not sure if that's fair how many feel inferior to boys but I want to tell you most of these boys feel inferior with girls I always felt inferior to girls

I was dating so many different girls I was a president of my school I had so many different involvements and yet all that time I was feeling inferior I put a terrific front on dancer jokes laughs big deal I was frightened with some of these girls frightened to death what they were going to do next praise God one thing I don't have I'm not frightened in my life but a lot of us have inferiority feeling and sometimes we try

to overcome them by seeing if we can get people drawn to us I think personally it's dangerous you see all this playing with love is really a lie isn't it if I start talking to a girl and telling her how wonderful she is and I love her and all these things they don't really mean it what kind of a game is that yeah I'm sorry to say many boys play that game others get

trapped into it they're completely innocent they're we easily forget our love affairs but it doesn't seem that girls are able to forget so quick and a lot of girls that my wife and I have known have really been hurt really been hurt by some boy and they thought this was the one and they committed themselves maybe not you know not in terms of immorality but they committed themselves and then they were hurt now personally with the way things are in this crazy mixed up world I think all of us need to get ready to get hurt a little bit and we need to realize that when these hurts come these breakups and these so called tragedies it is not the end of the world God knows what He's doing He can overrule and I think the greatest need among girls is for a deeper trust with boys it's lust and with

girls it's trust whereas we tend to battle lust and these magazines and our minds running away girls tend to worry isn't that right have any of you ever done a little bit of worrying about this aspect of life come on now be honest anybody probably everybody minus very few and all to learn what it is to really leave this with the Lord we're not against romances taking place you know that and if some of you stick around you may be amazed what can happen in this little movement of so-called strict saints but we want it in God's timing and we don't believe that should be the first three weeks you come with it we personally don't believe it should be the first year we only ask one year that's all in which you really lay this aside and give yourself to the Lord and to the Word and to building

yourself up and to letting your mind be revolutionized and to learning what it is to rest in the Lord and leave this matter with the Lord after that any boy and any girl who wants to get permission to meet can get it and this is going to be made clearer this year second year people not only have permission to meet if they really think they found the one no that's a mistake they can have permission to meet if they want to have just what they feel is a date or just share and I feel that O.M. has got some learning to do and I would like to see a greater freedom mind you a lot of people make it difficult one person breaking the social rules spoils it for everybody else that's why it's important to try to play according to the rule of the game and so what is our real policy it's wait upon the

Lord it's quite natural for you to be infatuated with boys sometimes even more than one I was infatuated at one point with about ten all at the same time and I almost probably would have condemned myself and become a neurotic except I found so many fellow travelers who are the same way it's quite normal but you shouldn't dwell on that just leave it with the Lord God because it is a natural thing but I don't believe it's God's way to dwell on that and get caught up on that I've had situations where a girl saw a man this is the one ha evangelical nonsense evangelical nonsense the Lord doesn't give you a word about him being the one without him also getting a word and so if you get this word from the Lord I suggest you leave it with the Lord because once you start sharing it with one of your

girlfriends you know now Sally I'm only going to share this with you you're my intimate friend I'm only going to tell you because I don't want it to get out but I saw this fellow you know just a long time ago I've been praying about him a long time actually last Monday I saw this fellow and I've been praying every day since last Monday and I really feel he's the one I want you to unite with me in claiming and they go to that person Matthew if any two agree touching anything well praise God most girls don't go to that extreme but similar sharing in one she of course feels constrained there's something in a girl that feels constrained to share

some places they call it gossip but in evangelical circles we're sharing for prayer that's right and of course in no time in no time it's back to the

boy because somewhere his best friend made contact with one of your friend's best friend and it comes around of course in a way you were sort of hoping that would happen anyway and what this leaves the confusion in it a lot of wasted time whereas to me waiting on the Lord and committing it to the Lord if you do say something don't make it a closed case to say well you know to your friend so and so you know every once in a while I get thoughts about him that's quite different from saying well you know I really feel this is the one and the same is vice versa look when you start to get the whisper hey I hear that so and so is interested in you I want to tell you you'd be a very wise girl if you just realized that's probably a rumor I have many cases where I've had the job of having to end it

a fellow came to me and said look will you somehow communicate with so and so I'm not interested in her I don't know where she got the idea I didn't mean to loan her my hymn book in the meeting but please communicate to her she's not the one in fact I'm engaged to be married next week with so and so so when you hear these things don't get your hopes up so quickly of course some of you when you hear who it is just deflate you but I believe waiting on the Lord getting occupied with the Lord and getting involved in the Lord's work and leave this with him and he will work it out in his time there's nothing wrong with conversing with boys there's nothing wrong with fellowship contact little different out in India but back here in Europe I feel there's plenty of liberty but let's follow this

basic sensible biblical pattern of waiting on the Lord and of following after him and let's try to keep in mind all these things that we've talked about there's so much more that could be said about marriage about engaged couples I'll just insert this that the time of engagement is a wonderful period a wonderful time in your life the time where you'll need to learn discipline that's good don't be one of those engaged couples who goes too far I don't think that the engagement period is a time for as some people put it everything but sex no you know yourself but I believe basically heavy petting and extensive kissing should be kept for marriage there's nothing wrong with some exchange of affection among engaged people they have to know their own limits and each one is different I don't

judge people but watch out getting alone too long and over emphasizing sex and what leads up to it during the engagement period because it can ruin psychologically and give a lot of difficulty in closing just this word no matter what your past may be God can cover it with his precious blood girls are more sensitive than boys they tend to go into their past and really get upset by it some of you girls have lived very innocent lives you need to be understanding of other girls who have been back and forth into the world many many times and all of you need to realize that if you confess your sin the Lord is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse from all unrighteousness I don't care what it is I had a young man come to me and said he had committed sex with his sister he felt he'd never win

a soul to Jesus Christ because he'd commit that great sin I said look have you confessed that he said yes I said it's gone as far as God is concerned young man it has never happened isn't that wonderful if you have committed immorality whether it was before your conversion of course we know that's God but even if it was after your conversion due to weakness due to being a babe in Christ being untaught if you confessed it before God it's gone isn't that wonderful I think that's one of the greatest messages you know though I never committed immorality in my life I hurt an awful lot of girls one very very bad because she was let on and then I broke off and she just really went off and married her step brother and you know the devil tries to come in with that wow I even sometimes I was

telling my wife the other day I get a dream about this girl who I so deeply hurt even though we never committed adultery or immorality you don't have to do that to hurt people words words are very very dangerous they're explosive they're loaded but you know I've just had to take the word of God and the sovereignty of God and say Lord you've forgiven me I can't punish myself nothing I do now will help you've covered it by your precious blood isn't that wonderful that's grace I don't deserve that for all my folly for all my fooling around but he's forgiven me that's grace and though you may have committed the worst sin though your sin may be as scarlet the Bible says it shall be as white as snow that's grace and that's what I want to emphasize you won't hear many messages like this we don't

really emphasize this that much but you will hear a lot of messages on grace and when you hear those messages on grace if this is an area where you've had trouble may you realize it's all God finish and here's the thrilling thing if next week I hope you'll remember this because some of you when you get back home the battles may be overwhelming especially if you really get a high standard remember this if you go back to England and after some months because the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak you'll fall in some way remember this as far as God is concerned that's the first time you've ever done it repent believe in forgiveness get up and go on because he loves you as much when you're down as when you're up isn't that terrific he loves you the Lord Jesus the one who really can meet

these needs in our life these desires for love and all the rest he loves you as much when you're down as when you're up so if you do fall remember that lawyer that advocate claim his forgiveness claim his thank you

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