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# GUIDELINES FOR A GODLY SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP

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## Chapter One

### In the Beginning

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).* Any Godly relationship must be based upon a knowledge and acceptance of the word of God. A belief system whether taught or acquired through life experiences can be beneficial but often flawed by a personal bias, assumptions and misguided intentions. The word of God provides a definitive direction for all relationships between man and God. It is very appropriate that God establishes his power and authority with the first verse of the Bible declaring his existence and power. Many relationships are doomed because one can not get past this first verse.

### The First Man and Woman

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Genesis 2: 21-25).* The word of God clearly tells of man and woman's origin of existence and the relationship they were to have. Prior to the fall of man, there was no shame in their nakedness. Adam and Eve were free and blessed as long as they obeyed the word of God.

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).* Man was created to be righteous and holy just like the creator. God also made man with the ability to create life by way of sex. This is not to insinuate that sex only exists to bring forth life nor should one conclude that sex should be considered anything other than a gift of God. God always holds us responsible for how we treat the things He places in our care and control.

## **The First Sex Act**

*And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground (Genesis 4:1-2).* How many times did they have sex? What positions did they use? Did they only have sex certain times of the day or night? The correct answer to all the questions is; we do not know because the bible does not provide an answer. For many, this is the dilemma that has plagued many who have become confused about sex regarding the do's and don't. This booklet will attempt to enlighten you on the things we know, as provided in the word of God, rather than try to theorize on the things we don't. We know that at some point in time, Adam and Eve had sex and began to have children and their children also had sex and conceived. Consequently, we are all descendants of Adam and Eve.

*And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: (Genesis 4:16-17).* Cain was punished by God for killing his brother. Cain was made a fugitive and vagabond and forced to flee mankind. Many have troubled themselves over the question: Where did Cain's wife come from? Cain's wife was either a descendent of his brother Abel or a daughter of Adam and Eve. We must face the fact that in the beginning of time; it was very common for people to espouse their cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles and close relatives. This practice is no longer necessary because of the vast number of today's population. However, the reality of the matter is that we are all related by the mere fact we are all descendants of Adam and Eve. The issue of incest is discussed in Chapter seven.

*This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died (Genesis 5:1-5).* Adam lived a long life and produced many offspring. Some of his children were obedient to God and some were not. The same can be said today. Some of God's children are obedient and some are not.

## **Chapter Two**

### **The Wickedness of Man**

*And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after*

*that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them* (Genesis 6:1-6). God is love. His great patience he has shown towards mankind even from the beginning of creation expresses God's love. Adam and Eve sinned and were forgiven, Cain murdered his brother and was forgiven. However love dictates punishment for disobedience. God has granted man with the free will to do all things but all things are not expedient. Anytime we venture past the laws of God we run the risk of death, destruction, chaos and at the very least disappointment. God destroyed his creation with the flood because, "wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Sin starts from within the heart, when we begin to think on those things contrary to God's word. Jesus said, "*But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man:.....*" (Matthew 15:18-20). Notice He refers to two sins relating to sexual improprieties: fornication and adultery.

### **God's Judgment**

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Romans 6:23). *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.* (John 3:4-10). Any act that is committed outside of God's word is sin. The good news is that God has provided a way in which our sins can be forgiven. God initially declared, "*And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission* (Hebrews 9:22)." Mankind failed in an attempt to become righteous by the keeping of the laws of Moses. God in his infinite wisdom and mercy gave us a better way.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God* (John 3:16-18). What does this have to do with Godly sex you may ask. Many mistakes have been made because of ignorance, erroneous teachings, and misunderstandings. We suffer today because of these same mistakes. Most prostitutes were sexually abused; pornography has destroyed many families and yet is a thriving multi-billion if not trillion-dollar worldwide industry. There are organizations that openly advocate and condone adults having sex with children. Homosexuality is considered a norm by many. Abortion is accepted as a normal form of birth control. Most marriages end in divorce with the primary culprit

being infidelity. When we deviate from God's word the end result is sin and death of the body, mind, and spirit. In Christ Jesus we can find forgiveness, peace, and correction. In the word of God we can find revival and a means of rectifying past mistakes. As long as there is life there is hope.

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19).* If you have determined that you have not been faithful in obeying God's word then the scriptures declare God will forgive you if you repent. The act of repenting means to change one's mind and purpose; regret; to be sorry.

## Chapter Three

### God Starts Over

*And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein (Genesis 9: 1, 7).* Noah's sons were obedient to God and had many children. The word of God clearly establishes the three sons of Noah repopulated the world.

### When did the different “races, cultures and languages” come into play?

*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth (Genesis 11:1-9).* The arrogance of man caused God to divide us. Anytime we venture beyond the laws and boundaries set by God we risk the perils of confusion, discontentment and worse yet the wrath of God.

## Chapter Four

### Sodom and Gomorrah

*And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know* (Genesis 18:20-21). What sin had the cities committed? What was so grievous that caused God to become so angry? God is a good God and there is no God but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. One scripture declares, “God is love.” God created us and loved us from the beginning of time. We are made in His image and yet He is a just and righteous God. God has set everything in its proper place and time. God has set the rules and boundaries of man because He and He alone is worthy. He is God. The citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah were people that at some period of time chose to do what they decided was right. They began to set their own standards. They began to do the same thing that many are doing today and prior to the flood. When we neglect to follow the word of God, we then tend to set our own standards. Our morality begins to become whatever we “feel or think” is appropriate. Standards become non-existent. The line of right and wrong becomes cloudy. God does not change neither does his standards.

*And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door* (Genesis 19:1-11). Many of the men of Sodom and Gomorrah were homosexuals. Hence we get the term sodomy. The word has been defined as follows: sexual intercourse with a member of the same sex or

with an animal; anal or oral sexual intercourse with a member of the opposite sex. God did not create man to lie (have sexual intercourse) with man and animals. God did not create man to wed another man. God did not create man to set for himself those standards that are deemed convenient to adhere too. God created man to worship Him and to obey His commandments. God created man to love. We were created by God for God. God wants us to have life and to have it abundantly. We can only attain this by living life according to the word of God. How can we have a Godly sexual relationship or any type of positive relationship without obeying the word of God and the standards set forth in the Holy Bible? It can not be done.

*Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:24-26).* God destroyed the cities. The people suffered the wrath of God because He is just and righteous. God must be true to His word. Lot and his family were delivered but his wife could not let go of her passions and desires for the cities. Many times God will deliver us from a vice, addiction, or undesirable characteristic. Temptation comes and we find ourselves going back to the same thing that God had delivered us from. Was it that we had not been truly delivered? The answer is that God has blessed man with the ability to do anything we set our hearts to do. But a man reaps what he sows. God judges our actions and intentions. We can fool others and sometimes ourselves but we can not fool God.

*And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father (Genesis 19:30-36).* Lot's daughters may have had good intentions in their efforts to preserve their father's legacy. They may have believed the whole world had been destroyed and felt they were the only humans left. They got their father drunk and had sex with him to become pregnant. Maybe incest was a normal sexual activity in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah but this was not a standard set by God. God did not create man to lie (have sexual activity) with his children. An incestuous relationship creates confusion in the family structure and can possibly result in severe birth defects in the offspring.



## Chapter Five

### When Sex is Taboo

*Thou shalt not commit adultery* (Exodus 20:14). God provided Moses with the ten commandments. However, those same commandments continue to be recognized by some and ignored by others. Adultery has been defined as sexual unfaithfulness of a married person. Jesus said, “*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart*” (Matthew 5:27-28) Jesus makes it clear that not only our actions can contribute to the sin of adultery but also our ungodly thoughts. This is contrary to the common saying, “I can look but not touch.” Jesus said, “*Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man*” (Matthew 15:17-20). Jesus is clearly letting us know that sin begins with the thought process. We conceive good and bad thoughts, which manifest themselves into actions. Consider this example. There are many individuals that find nothing wrong with reading pornography. The real question is what are your intentions? Are you reading it for a legitimate research project; are you reading it as a part of your lawful duty; or are you reading it because of the lust of the flesh?

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace* (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8). The verses in Ecclesiastes are for lack of a better phrase a “catch all” to many of life’s situations. There is a time when the reading of pornography is appropriate. Many law enforcement agencies have an assigned task force (vice and narcotics unit) to read and evaluate the contents of pornographic material (printed literature, audio and video) in search of pedophiles, child pornography and other illegal sexual activity. Using that example the officer or officers would be justified in reading the material in order for them to carry out their lawful duty. There have been situations when a group of citizens have had to be exposed to pornography in order to determine if it met their community standards. Lawmakers have had to read and evaluate pornographic material to determine its legality and to consider moral standards. However, even when one is carrying out a

lawful and legitimate duty, the intentions of the heart are being judged. Jesus said, "That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." The key word is lust. Lust has been defined as an intense or unbridled sexual desire: Lasciviousness: an intense longing. Pornography feeds the flesh with sinful and perverse thoughts. A pornographic relationship is based on a fantasy of sex without love, responsibility or limits. God has set limits, God makes us responsible for our actions and there are consequences for exceeding the word of God. God did not create man and woman just to have sex. He created man and woman so that they may love one another and become one with one another, enjoying each other's differences and companionship. God created sex to be enjoyed by a man and his wife. God created a man and his wife to be joined in a Holy union. A Holy union produces contentment, respect and holy offspring. Sex is a gift from God.

### **Sex in the Bible**

*Thou shalt not commit adultery* (Exodus 20:14). There are examples in the bible of lasciviousness, homosexuality, bigamy, incest, and rape. People often use the bible in an attempt to justify their perverted lifestyles. Let us take the case of bigamy. Bigamy has been defined as the act of marrying one person while still legally married to another. It is true that many patriarchs in the bible had more than one wife. It is also true that in every case where the man had more than one wife, there were always problems. God originally made man to have one wife and for them to become one flesh.

*And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child* (Genesis 11:29-30). God gave Abraham one wife.

*Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face* (Genesis 16:1-6). Abram and Sarai decided to take things into their own hands in their plan to have a child. They no doubt had good intentions however they made the mistake of exceeding the word of God. God did not tell Abram to get another wife or to have any outside sexual relationship. The relationship resulted in bigamy and a divided household.

*And it came to pass in an eveningtide, 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; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child (2 Samuel 11:2-5).* King David already had several wives, Abigail, Ahinoam, and Michal before he fell in lust with another man's wife, Bathsheba. The lust began in his heart before he touched her. He abused his authority and took advantage of the woman thereby committing the sin of adultery. There is no documentation to show God instructing David to marry more than one wife. King David's adulterous affair resulted in the death of an illegitimate child, the death of several innocent soldiers, the murder of a faithful man and a curse upon King David's household.

*And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun (2 Samuel 12:8-12).* God loved David even as he loves us today but God is just and righteous in all his ways. God rewards us with his abundant blessings when we are obedient. However the same God punishes us when we transgress and rebel against His holy words.

*And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die (2 Samuel 12:13-14).* King David immediately repented when confronted with the truth and made to face his iniquities. This should serve as a lesson to us all when we come into the realization of our wrongful actions. We should not try to rationalize improper behavior or attempt to justify a lifestyle that is contrary to the word of God. King David humbled himself before the Lord and was forgiven. Although forgiven, he and his family still had to suffer for his wrongdoing. God has declared, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).*

*And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her (2 Samuel 13:1-2).* Absalom and Tamar were siblings of King David by Maachah, daughter of Talmai king of Geshur. Amnon was another son of David by Shimon. Amnon was infatuated over his half sister Tamar. He wanted to have a sexual relationship with her although he knew it was wrong. The sin began when he conceived this perversion in his mind. God can deliver us from unclean thoughts and all ungodly behavior. God is a deliverer for anyone willing to humble themselves before his throne of grace and mercy.

*But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her (2 Samuel 13:3-14).* Some friends we can do without. Jonadab was a shrewd individual who misdirected Amnon in his perverted lust. They concocted a lie for the sake of accomplishing one sinful goal. The end results of the lie led to Amnon raping his half sister. Absalom eventually avenged the rape of his sister by ordering the murder of his half brother, Amnon. Absalom would later rebel against his father, King David and publicly disrespect his father by openly having sex with his father's concubines. A concubine has been defined as a woman who is not legally a wife but lived with a man and sometimes had a recognized position in his household as a mistress.

## **Adultery and Fornication**

*Thou shalt not commit adultery* (Exodus 20:14). Adultery is defined as sexual unfaithfulness of a married person. Fornication is defined, as consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other. Intercourse has been defined as physical sexual contact between individuals that involves the genitalia of at least one person. The genitalia has been defined as the reproductive organs or the external genital organs. The reproductive organs are those external organs used to produce an offspring. By definition sexual intercourse is intercourse between a male and a female in which the penis is inserted into the vagina; intercourse between individuals involving genital contact other than insertion of the penis into the vagina. Many would use this definition for the sole purpose of finding a loophole. Some would conclude that since sexual intercourse can only be between a man and woman then sex between the same genders would not be sex and consequently would not be a sin. Wrong. Some would wrongfully conclude that since the anus and mouth is not a reproductive organ than any type of anal or oral sex would not be deemed sexual intercourse. Wrong. Is fondling someone's breast or genitalia (foreplay) considered sexual intercourse? Is masturbation wrong? Is anal and oral sex wrong?

*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery* (Matthew 5:27-32). Jesus is very direct and does not attempt to soften God's standards as relating to improper sexual activity. God does not change. Traditions, customs and community standards will never negate the word of God.

*The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery:*

*and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it (Matthew 19:3-12).* Jesus is the Son of God. He did not come to change the word of God but to fulfill it. We (mankind) in our arrogance have a tendency to try to change things to accommodate our fleshly desires whether through ignorance or ulterior motives. God tolerates divorce but it does not meet his approval. Except for fornication, divorce will lead to an adulterous relationship if one of the divorced individuals decide to remarry. God looks at a married couple as one unit. Only death or the introduction of an outside sexual encounter (fornication) can break the union. The purpose of marriage is to vow before God a commitment of faithfulness, love and obedience to His word. Except for fornication, divorce is a breach of the vow of Holy matrimony. Jesus' disciples wrongfully concluded it was not good for man to marry. Jesus was not condemning marriage. He was simply saying marriage must be taken seriously and received by the terms set by God's word and not man's traditions. Marriage is not mandatory nor a commandment. If a person for whatever reason decides not to marry they have not sinned in not marrying. However, all sex outside of marriage is sin. Jesus knows all will not accept the word of God, nevertheless, God's word is true and we will all be judged by it.

*Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency (1 Corinthians 7:1-5).* The apostle Paul was not married and decided not to marry in order that he could dedicate all his energy, talents, time and efforts to preaching the word of God. However, he also recognized that we all do not have the same amount of self-control. To avoid sex outside of marriage (masturbation, fornication, adultery, sexual fantasies) it is better to marry. Once the decision is made to marry, a man and woman are to be faithful to one another in accordance with the word of God. They become free to sexually express themselves with one another without condemnation, shame and harmful ridicule. Sex becomes a beautiful experience that enhances their bond of love. Apostle Paul acknowledges that although sex is blessed in a marriage, there sometime comes a moment when it should be restrained. If one or both of the couples decide to give themselves over to prayer and fasting then sex should be abstained. Their abstinence should be consensual in order to avoid temptation.

*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge (Hebrew 13:4).*

## Chapter Six

### The Way Sex Should Be

*For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14: 1-23).* God made everything good. He authorized man to have dominion over the earth. However, that authority comes with a responsibility to God and our fellow man. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this when writing to the Corinthians, *“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth”* (Corinthians 10:23). We for various reasons have differences in cultures, traditions, teachings and experiences. These differences establish our belief system and moral foundation. Quite simply put, we do not all think alike. What one might think of as normal and fun another might consider profane and vulgar. Who is to say what is right or wrong? The answer is the word of God. Some things are not spelled out in black and white in the bible. For example: is it acceptable for a married man and woman to use manual devices (sex toys) in the process of sexual activity? I found no scripture that directly addresses the question. Another example: Is it acceptable for a married woman to suck the breast of her husband while engaged in sexual activity? Again, there are no direct biblical scriptures to address the question. Sex should be enjoyed without any hang-ups as long as it does not transgress the word of God. For example: if a married couple is in total agreement with having other individuals join them in the privacy of their home for a sexual encounter, the end results is still adultery. Man's laws or consensual encounters do not cancel out the word of God. If a married couple is totally comfortable with watching pornography (or making pornography for public distribution), the end result is sin. Jesus said, *“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman*

*to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matthew 5:27-28). Whether married or single, we are accountable to the word of God therefore ignorance is no excuse. This does not rule out legitimate professional counseling but “Buyer Beware.” I would be very leery of any type of counselor whose professional standards are not based upon the wholesome Word of God.*

### **Sex without Hang-ups**

*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it (Ephesians 5:21-25). The foundation for any wholesome family unit is structure. Every member must know his or her place inside the relationship. A wife submitting herself to her husband is neither bad nor condescending. No doubt some men and women have taken this out of context as a premise for spousal abuse. Some would attempt to emphasize the duty of one side of the relationship while minimizing the responsibility of the other. The husband is instructed to love his wife just like Jesus loved the church. How can a wife give herself to a selfish, hateful, uncaring husband? How can a man love a self centered, irresponsible, and abusive wife? How can a married couple have a Godly sexual relationship without adhering to the word of God? It can not be done; it is impossible. The sex might be there, but it will be empty. They can go through the motions but it will not be Godly.*

*So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh (Ephesians 5:28-31). This portion of the scripture can serve as a true barometer as to how far the sex act should go. In other words, what are the boundaries of “love making.” A married couple should respect each others’ body. A man should view his wife’s body as his body. He should not do anything to her body that he would not do to his own body. He should treat her body just like he treats his own. That’s why it is so important to choose a mate who believes in the word of God and accepts His word as gospel. An ungodly person is guided only by their own self centered standards of morality. Some of those moralities might be good but how about those standards that might be inconsistent with the word of God. Left alone, without the word of God, man will always resort back to the arrogant assumption that he (man) can do anything he desires.*

*Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband (Ephesians 5:33). Reverence has been defined as honor or respect felt or shown; a gesture of respect. It is not hard for a wife to revere her husband when is loving, a joy to be with, a man of peace, patient, kind and gentle, good and honorable, faithful, non brutal, a man of self control.*



## Chapter Seven

### What is Right; What is Wrong

*And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin* (Romans 14:23). The apostle Paul was attempting to teach that we are at liberty to do all things however our actions as well as our intentions shall be judged. Some acts we commit are clearly wrong however some other acts are personally wrong only for us only because we are committing the act without faith. We find it is written, “*One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind*” (Romans 14:5). Therefore, whatsoever is not of faith is sin. If we do anything while in doubt (questioning whether it is right or wrong) we are sinning. God also warns us, “*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death*” (Revelations 21:7-8)

*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge* (Hebrew 13:4). Sex is a gift of God and carries a great deal of responsibility. The bible clearly provides some practices that are sinful.

### What are the boundaries; How far can I go

*And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD. None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach*

*to his wife: she is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness. Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God (Leviticus 18:1-30). God has spoken.*

*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart (Matthew 5:27-28). The Son of God has spoken.*

*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind (1 Corinthians 6:9). Effeminate has been defined as characteristics marked by qualities more typical of women than men (transvestites, and crossdressers).*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without*

*excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them (Romans 1-16-32). The curse of God is upon all unrighteousness even those that take pleasure in them that do unrighteousness. When reading or watching pornography, you either intentionally or unintentionally becomes a participant. The results are the same, sin; whether you call it voyeurism, curiosity, or harmless the results are the same. Sin is that which is contrary to the Word of God.*

Psalms 119: 101-107

*101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.*

*102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.*

*103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.*

*105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

*106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.*

*107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.*

**A man and his wife can take their sexual escapades as far as they like as long as they do not exceed the word of God. God will not only bless their sex life but also every aspect of their personal relationship. We must never forget that sex should never become the most important aspect of a relationship. The most important factor in the relationship (and family) should be the recognition and obedience to the Word of God.**

## The First Step

*But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house (Acts 16:28-34).* God knows our sins and that we have fallen short of his righteous standards. God knows the mistakes we have made and continue to make. God has also provided a way for us to correct our past wrongs. God loves us and showed his love by giving us his Holy Son. Jesus died for our sins and has paid the price for our arrogance and disobedience. It is now left up to us to accept the blood of Jesus that was shed for our wretched sins. Before we can successfully start a relationship, we must first get right with God. Read the Word (all of it), pray that God leads you to a bible teaching place of worship; accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and obey His words. Afterwards, you can begin to develop a successful relationship with a companion that God provides.

## Epilogue

This information is provided only as a guideline to steer you to the word of God. God made us and therefore he knows what makes us function successfully. God provided a manual of life. The Bible is His printed Word, *“That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”* (2 Timothy 3:17). All the above mentioned biblical references were taken from the 1611 King James Bible. The King James Version of the Holy Bible (also known as the Authorized Version) is one of the most important Bible translations ever made in the English language.

*But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).*