

Getting Started: In our world putting the word *good* with sex may seem ill suited. What might Christian men do to keep it good?

Bible Study

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

1. What attitudes to sex do you come across in the world around you? Are any of these attitudes similar to the slogans in Corinth? (vv. 12-13)
2. Name several things Paul says to counter these attitudes.
3. We can make sex a way to find 'salvation' in the sense of fulfillment or a substitute for satisfaction in God. Why can sex not live up to these expectations?
4. What is Paul's response (or conclusion) in 1 Corinthians 6?

Read: 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

5. How might Christians overreact to the permissive culture around them?
6. What is Paul's response to people advocating celibacy? (v.9)
7. Who owns your body if you are married? (6:13; 7:4) What does this mean in practice?

8. What things should a married couple do before agreeing to delay sex for a time? (v. 5)

Discuss

1. Are porn and sexual temptation talked about in your church? What could you do to maintain a culture of accountability and support?
2. What do sexual fantasies or porn offer you? How does God offer more?
3. What kinds of sexual temptation are you particularly vulnerable to? Discuss ways you can help yourself and each other to resist.
4. What strategies for avoiding sexual temptation are you putting in place? (51)
5. How would your church help someone who is struggling with homosexual temptations? (51)

Going Deeper:

Sexual temptation poses challenges to every man, married and unmarried, but no Christian man need be enslaved by it. Name some reasons/motivations Paul gives for avoiding sexual sin in 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8?