

An Elephant in the Room: What the Bible Says About Homosexuality

1st Timothy 1:8-11

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1 Timothy 1:8-11 ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, **STOP!!!** enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Addressing an elephant in the room—One of our core conviction as a church is that we will address difficult topics and passages, especially if they're timely culturally. And homosexuality fits both those description of a difficult and timely topic.

The 6 Passages Addressing Homosexuality:

The Story of Sodom and Gomorrah—Genesis 19

- Where men wanted to commit gang rape and the whole town was very inhospitable.

The Law—Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

- The Law points people that don't know God to Jesus. The Law has been fulfilled by Jesus. Lots of things in the Law have nothing to do with us today.

Paul's Letters—Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:10

- Seems like pederasty may be the specific practice in view here in these passages. Pederasty meaning sexual activity between a man and a young boy as commonly practice in many cultures long ago and still prevalent in some cultures today.

Prefaces:

- We're teaching on this because it's important...NOW! We believe the church needs to speak with clarity on what the Bible teaches and how we should then live in light of that...including how we are to love people well.
- *God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships* by Matthew Vines
 - Founder of the Reformation Project
 - Leading the charge to convince the church that these passages have been misinterpreted. He's hoping that the church will affirm committed, monogamous same-sex relationship. He argues that you can do this AND affirm the full authority of Scripture.
- Homosexuality is being embraced as good and right.
 - For example: People aren't developing groups and clubs to affirm and celebrate violently angry people.
 - homosexual orientation and committed, covenantal, monogamous, homosexuality relationships are new and were never addressed in the Bible
 - The first thing God said was not good was when Adam was alone
- No one's arguing for polygamy right now...at least not yet. We'll teach more on polygamy if and when it's more pressing.
- This is so difficult because sexuality is so closely tied to our identity.

- This is a very confusing topic for most if not all of us.
 - Google Search “LGBTQ adding letters”: The initialism LBTTQQAAP (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, ally, pansexual) has also resulted, although such initialisms are sometimes criticized for being confusing and leaving some people out, as well as issues of placement of the letters within the new title.
 - The official acronym is now LGBTQICAPF2K+ according to the magazine The Gay UK recently. That stands for “Lesbian,” “Gay,” “Bisexual,” “Transgender,” “Queer,” “Questioning,” “Intersex,” “Curious,” “Asexual,” “Agender,” “Ally,” “Pansexual,” “Polysexual,” “Friends and family,” “Two-spirit” and “Kink.”
 - <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/feb/1/k-kink-new-letter-added-gay-rights-activists-lgbtq/>
 - *The (Almost) Complete LGTBQ+ Cheat Sheet* by MillionDollarBonus
 - <https://www.accredited-times.com/2018/02/07/almost-complete-lgtbq-cheat-sheet/>
- We’ll have time for Q&A at the end, Lord willing.

Pray

Healthy Teaching on Human Sexuality vs. Sexual Immorality

The law is laid down for “...whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine...”

Sound = *hugiaiō* (ὕγαινω; 5198) hygienic; healthy; that which brings health and human flourishing

- (5198) to be healthy, sound, physically well. See Mark 3:5 (5199) and Acts 4:10 (5199). *Hugies* (5199), healthy, is translated “whole.” In Acts 27:34 what is translated “health” is *soteria* (4991), salvation, meaning safety.
- 12 occurrences in the NT (see Chopping Block below)
- I’m specifically mentioning “human” sexuality because some like to look at the entire animal kingdom and find instances of sexual engagement among different types of species to make a case for how humans should behave. This is not how you arrive at a healthy sexual ethic. It’s certainly not how you arrive at what the Designer of human sexuality says on the matter.

Doctrine/Didaskalia (διδασκαλία; 1319) has 21 occurrences in the NT (see Chopping Block below)

- This is where we get the word didactic from, meaning intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction. Like a didactic novel or parable.

The law is laid down for “...the sexually immoral...”

Pornos = πόρνος; selling off sexual purity

- Where we get the word pornography from.
 - Huge business.
 - Even secularists are increasingly opposed to the industry of pornography as it is so clearly devastating to human flourishing.
 - Resources???
- *Porneia* (πορνεία; 4202) has 25 occurrences in the NT (see Chopping Block below)
- *Porneuō* (πορνεύω; 4203) has 12 occurrences in the NT (see Chopping Block below)
- *Porné* (πόρνη; 4204) has 12 occurrences in the NT (see Chopping Block below)
- *Pornos* (πόρνος; 4205) has 10 occurrences in the NT (see Chopping Block below)

3 Questions Related to Human Sexuality:

1. What is sound doctrine, or teaching that brings health, on human sexuality according to the Bible? God's purpose for sex.
 2. What is sexual immorality? Humanity's problem with sex.
 3. Where do we go from here? God's provision for redeemed sex.
1. What is sound doctrine on human sexuality? God's purpose for sex.

Let's let Jesus Himself tell us.

Matthew 19:3 ³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"

- They are trying to stretch the parameters of healthy human sexuality.
- What will Jesus say? To what will He appeal? Will He go to the Law?

Matthew 19:4-6 ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

- Jesus is very progressive in His culture when it comes to women, their rights and how society views them.
- He's very progressive on how the Jews were to relate cross-culturally.
- However, Jesus goes more conservative on the issue of marriage!
- He would only have to appeal to Genesis 2:24 to answer their question. But He throws in Genesis 1:27 as well. I wonder why?

Sound Doctrine / Healthy Teaching on Human Sexuality According to Jesus

- One Man & One Woman become One Flesh for One Lifetime

Genesis 2:18 ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

- ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Refer to Genesis 2:21-23 ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Genesis 2:24-25 ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- God looks for a helper who is fit for Adam. He finds none so He creates Eve as a perfect fit for Adam. When Adam and Eve stand face to face, naked and unashamed, they discover that they are perfectly fit for one another.
- They are the same but opposite, like a right and left hand. They go together.
- Recognizing the similarities and differences is important here. The otherness of Eve is precisely her sexual difference, not her *Enneagram* difference.
- Some highlight that they are *hierarchically complementary* but that's not what the passage seems to indicate. They are *anatomically complementary*. They go together.
- This establishes the pattern of marriage that remains consistent throughout the Bible.
- "But what about all of that polygamy throughout the OT (Old Testament)?" All that polygamy is never good. It's so bad it's almost as if God doesn't need to say anything more about it than He does here because the consequences are always so terrible. The family drama is thick. E.g. Father Abraham, King David, etc.
- Lamech was the first polygamist, and he was not the bastion of moral goodness. See Genesis 4.
- It's almost as if God didn't need to say a whole lot about polygamy because the results always spoke for themselves. Good things didn't happen.
- God is a God of order, not chaos; of clarity, not confusion.
 - There are indeed very difficult and complex moral questions to be addressed thoughtfully and prayerfully but the Scriptures are clear on the issue of God's design for human flourishing sexually.

Genesis 1:27-28

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- So why did Jesus throw in Genesis 1:27 in His response. It's almost as if Jesus is anticipating this future question related to homosexuality. We are created male and female. A male marries a female and they spend their lives together. When things go well they are fruitful. In fact, when they can't be fruitful it's terribly sad and discouraging because that's how they were designed to function. Unfruitfulness is part of the devastation of the fall. First three commands are 1) Be fruitful 2) Multiply and 3) Fill the earth. Basically, have sex, have sex, have sex!
- The fourth command was to subdue the earth and have dominion over it.
- The problem with Adam being alone wasn't his loneliness, as Matthew Vines puts it, but that he couldn't fulfill the task at hand alone. It's also nice to have the companionship of a wife though.

Sean McDowell, Opening Speech from His Conversation with Matthew Vines, author of *God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships*:

"Individual human beings can perform every biological function as individuals—respiration, digestion, blood circulation—but there is one biological function where individuals each have half—reproduction. Male and female come together as one 'organism' 'one-flesh,' which is oriented towards procreation. Marriage is about much more than sex and procreation, but it is about no less."

2. What is sexual immorality? Our problem with sex.

Short answer? Any deviation from one man and one woman becoming one flesh for one lifetime.

Now the longer answer specifically related to what the Bible says about homosexuality.

Romans 1

Romans 1:26-27 ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged **natural** relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up **natural** relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

- Natural is not the sexual orientation you were born with but the natural way God created the world to be.
- Men were committing shameless acts with MEN here, not just boys.

See Romans 1:18-25 ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

- There's a process of deterioration when we reject God and His design as revealed generally in nature and specifically in Scripture.
- The thinking becomes darkened. Eventually there is an exchange of worship for the Creator God to worship images resembling mortal man and the rest of creation. This culminates in an exchange of sex as it was designed for sex outside of its design.

See Romans 1:28-32 ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

- The list of sin of humanity is extensive. We've all broken God's law. We're all in need of a Savior.

Pervasive, Comprehensive Human Sexual Brokenness

- Romans 2-3 goes on to detail that *ALL HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD!* We're all thrown under the bus and deservedly so.
- Reminder about Jesus' words that if you have lust in your heart you've committed adultery.
- Same sex attraction and predisposition to promiscuity

Romans 7:24-25a ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Where do we go from here? Application:

1. Solidify a Biblical sexual ethic.

What is God's provision for redeemed sex?

- Where do we go for a compelling, biblical, healthy sexual ethic? Where do we get the ability to live healthy sexually?
- The Law is laid down for those who don't yet know Jesus Christ. What about those of us who do? Where do we get our sexual ethic?

1 Corinthians 6

- **1 Corinthians 6:12-14** ¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.
- **1 Corinthians 6:15-17** ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”

1 Corinthians 6:17-20 ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- *The Theology of Sex*, my sermon at New Hope on 10/28/2012—
<http://newhopeks.org/messages/2012/10/28/the-theology-of-sex>
- Gospel Circles
- Gospel—“...you were bought with a price...”
 - Jesus absorbed all of our shame, humiliation, sexual brokenness so that we can be made right.
- Gospel Truth—“You are not your own...” “...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...”
- Gospel Behavior—“So glorify God in your body.” “Flee from sexual immorality (porneia).”

John 7:53-8:11

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- This true story of Jesus' interaction with this adulterous woman was probably too scandalous for the early church leaders. Perhaps they excluded it early on until it was rightly included...because it truly happened.
- Jesus is compassionate towards people but tough on sin with those who follow Him. It's true.

Compassion is Jesus' M.O.!!! Compassion is His mode of operating and it must be ours too!!!

My 2018 WOTY is COMPASSION. I've seen God specifically given me key relationships to grow in compassion. And I'm feeling more compassion in my guts for people.

2. Step towards healthier sexuality.

- Take one specific step towards healthier sex and sexuality. We want great sex! Move that direction.
- This is an oversimplification but in general, those who shouldn't be having sex with each other are and those who should be having sex together aren't. We often focus on trying to get people to stop having sex but I also want to say that perhaps those of you who are married should consider having more sex...with each other.

To those who are married:

- 1 Corinthians 7 = mutual marital submission...in the bedroom
 - **1 Corinthians 7:3-7** ³The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
 - Mutual Submission! This is earth-shattering teaching by the Apostle Paul.
- Study Song of Solomon as a married couple...with emphasis on application
- Extra credit assignment: Husbands, memorize Proverbs 5:18-19
 - **Proverbs 5:18-19** ¹⁸Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, ¹⁹a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.
- Marriage and Parenting were clearly the areas where we want more equipping as a church.

To those who are single:

- Take courage in the waiting.
- **Psalms 27:14** Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart **take courage**; wait for the Lord!
- We'll sing *Take Courage* in a little bit. Maybe this song is specifically for you tonight.
- Cultivate good, healthy relationships.
- We need to do a better job as a church including our single brothers and sisters in our church family, in our families, in leadership, etc.

Get help with difficult things, people, or scenes from your past.

- Pastoral counseling and/or professional counseling. Let's talk.
- We have resources on our website at tallgrass.church/counseling.

Deal with your porn addiction!

- Fight the New Drug – fightthenewdrug.org
- Covenant Eyes
- xxxchurch.com
- *Porn-Again Christian: A Frank Discussion on Pornography and Masturbation* free e-book by Mark Driscoll
 - http://campusministryunited.com/Documents/Porn_Again_Christian.pdf
- *Surfing for God: Discovering the Divine Desire Beneath Sexual Struggle* by Michael John Cusick
- *Porn Free: Finding Renewal through Truth and Community* by Brian Gardner

3. Love like Jesus loves. We're aiming for love in the household of God.

- Be more like Jesus in relationship to others. Get to know people who have a very different story than yours.

Have courage and be kind.

- Bring curiosity and compassion. Ask people how they'd like you to refer to them.
- Prayerfully think on and talk about difficult questions.
 - How do we engage with those who are part of the LGBTQ community?
 - Can people come to Tallgrass Church? Absolutely YES!!!
 - We will relate differently to those who ARE professing faith as Jesus-followers and want to be led to follow Him more closely.
 - And those who AREN'T professing faith in Jesus but want to come around for a variety of reasons; to learn about the Bible, to just hangout and drink beers together, whatever.
 - We want to meet people where they are whatever their background is and help them take the next step of faith, no matter how small that step is.
 - How do we shepherd our kids' understanding of their own sexuality?
 - How do our families engage with our LGBTQ friends?
 - Should you go to a gay friend's wedding?
- Don't joke about sexual things, especially related to the LGBTQ community.
 - **Ephesians 5:4** Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.
 - I give you permission to call me out if you hear me make a crass sexual joke. And if you're not sure if something I say warrants you calling me out I give you permission to bring it up and then let's talk about it.
- We need wisdom, knowing how to answer each person, always with gracious speech.
 - **Colossians 4:5-6** ⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.
- Jesus was accused of being a friend of sinners. His reputation was that He was a drunkard.
- If your reputation ISN'T that you hang out with those that the religious call "sinners" then you aren't following Jesus closely enough.

Resources:

- Sean McDowell—seanmcdowell.org—Spoke at XSI 2018; Conversation with Matthew Vines
- Rosaria Butterfield—rosariabutterfield.com—*Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*
- Living Out—livingout.org—*Living Out* coordinated by three Christian leaders who experience same sex attraction: Sam Allberry, Sean Doherty, Ed Shaw (all three are same-sex attractive pastors in Britain)

We have much work to do here, friends! Let's engage prayerfully and with much curiosity and compassion, like Jesus did and does.

Have courage and be kind.

Pray!

Imagine a church that has courage and is kind...

Sean McDowell, in his Opening Speech from His Conversation with Matthew Vines:

"Imagine a world in which everyone followed God's design for sex and marriage: There would be no sexually transmitted diseases. No abortions. No brokenness from divorce. Every child would have a mother and a father and experience the love and acceptance each parent uniquely offers. There would be no rape, no sex abuse, no sex trafficking, no pornography, and no need for a #metoo campaign. Think of the healing and wholeness if people simply lived Jesus' life-giving words regarding human sexuality."

Q&A

Anticipate certain questions:

- What about divorce?
- What about biological predisposition to same-sex attraction?
 - We're all biologically predisposed to certain sin patterns unfortunately. This is one of the effects of the fall of humanity when Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Evil.
 - "As in Adam, so in Christ" teaching
- Don't Atheists and secularists have a basis for a good ethic on human sexuality?
 - Naturalists (and Anthropologists) attempts at developing an ethic for human sexuality.
 - *The Liturgists Podcast*
 - Just because monkeys throw poop at each other doesn't mean we should.
 - We don't build a sexual ethic for humans based on our testicle to body mass ratio as I've heard those on the popular Liturgists Podcast try to do.
 - Naturalistic Determinism; dancing to your own DNA; no morality
 - Made in the image of God and that separates us from the rest of the animal kingdom
 - How do you build your sexual ethic?
- What about how patriarchal the Bible is?
- What are the objections to the non-affirming view?
 - It's claimed that monogamous, covenantal homosexual relationships were never addressed in the Bible.
 - Hopefully I've made a case that God has been clear on healthy teaching on human sexuality and it does not include monogamous, covenantal homosexual relationships. Only one man, one woman, one flesh, one lifetime.
- Does sex reassignment work?
 - <https://www.heritage.org/gender/commentary/sex-reassignment-doesnt-work-here-the-evidence>
- What are other resources I can look into?
 - *Slaves, Women & Homosexuals: Exploring the Hermeneutics of Cultural Analysis* by William Webb
 - *Is God anti-gay? (Questions Christians Ask)* by Sam Allberry
 - *The Plausibility Problem: The Church and Same-Sex Attraction* by Ed Shaw
 - Ryan T. Anderson and The Heritage Foundation
 - Listen to Tim Keller, Gary DeLashmutt, Dennis McCallum
 - Resources I don't agree with but help me understand different views:
 - *God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships* by Matthew Vines (founder of The Reformation Project)
 - The Liturgist Podcast
- My story
 - Judgment towards those who struggled and sinned...overtly.
 - Sheltered
 - The one thing I pleaded with God for was to marry a virgin.
 - Sex ed exam question: Masturbation is normal. True or False. I put false and got it wrong.
 - Guys confessing sexual sin my freshman year at K-State really opened my eyes to what's out there. Satan used something that was good, confession amongst guys, and twisted it to bring me down through curious temptation.
 - Struggles in marriage
 - Playing with fire
 - Story of redemption / trophies of grace

More on Living Out

What we're about

We want:

- To help Christian brothers and sisters who experience same-sex attraction stay faithful to Biblical teaching on sexual ethics and flourish at the same time.
- To help the Christian Church understand how they can better help those who experience same-sex attraction to flourish.
- To help the wider world hear and understand that there is more than just one viable script for those who are same-sex attracted.

Our charitable objects:

For the public benefit, the advancement of the evangelical Christian religion and Christian principles of love, acceptance, compassion and understanding, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- Encouraging evangelical congregations to welcome and accept same sex attracted individuals and provide them with pastoral support.
- Repudiating all attitudes and actions which victimise or diminish people whose affections are directed towards people of the same sex.
- Providing pastoral support and advice in relation to biblical teachings on human sexuality assisting same sex attracted Christians reconcile their sexuality with the teachings of the Bible.

Intro *Take Courage*—“He’s in the waiting.”

Baptism Celebration NEXT WEEK!

Have someone pray.

Chopping Block:

Notes on John 7:53-8:11

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- This true story of Jesus’ interaction with this adulterous woman was probably too scandalous for the early church leaders. Perhaps they excluded it early on until it was rightly included...because it truly happened.
- The style and motif of John 7:53-8:11 is more similar to Luke’s writing than John’s. So some think that perhaps this passage was originally in Luke’s Gospel account around Luke 21:37-38.
- See Jeremiah 17:13 and John 7:37-38.
 - **Jeremiah 17:13** O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.
 - **John 7:37-38** ³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”
- See John 8:15.
- See Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22; also Deuteronomy 17:7
- See Ezekial 33:11.
- Sin no more! See also John 5:14.

Notes on Matthew 19:7-9 ⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

- Divorce is not God’s best for human sexuality. However, there was a provision given for a path forward in the Law.

Notes on Matthew 19:10-12 ¹⁰ The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹ But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

- Being alone is a reality for some for a variety of reasons.

Where people are at with their sexuality:

- Single folks who desire to be married
- Those who are married but desiring to be out of their marriage
- Those with porn addictions
- Those struggling with sexual orientation (or not struggling)
- Those wrestling with gender identity (or not wrestling)

Ideas:

- Secular studies
- Neuroplasticity
- Fire analogy: Fire is awesome as long as you use it safely.
- Piper Peeves
 - As much as possible, use “sex,” not the newer, LGBT-friendly “gender.” (JP: More than ever in our day the need is to force the issue of sexual identity as given and distinct by using words that the world does not find attractive, rather than buying into the current language. I put this in the same category of (so-called) “same-sex marriage” which I think we should never use without “so-called” or some such qualifier.)
 - Watch for “begs the question” vs. “raises the question”

Notes on the 6 Passages Addressing Homosexuality:

- The Story of Sodom and Gomorrah—Genesis 19
 - Where men wanted to commit gang rape and the whole town was very inhospitable.
- The Law—Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
 - The Law points people that don’t know God to Jesus. The Law has been fulfilled by Jesus. Lots of things in the Law have nothing to do with us today.
 - **Leviticus 18:22-23** ²²You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. ²³And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.
 - **Leviticus 20:10-16** ¹⁰“If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. ¹²If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed perversion; their blood is upon them. ¹³If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. ¹⁴If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no depravity among you. ¹⁵If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. ¹⁶If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.
- Paul’s Letters—Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:10
 - Seems like pederasty may be the specific practice in view here in these passages. Pederasty meaning sexual activity between a man and a young boy as commonly practice in many cultures long ago and still prevalent in some cultures today.
 - Uses of the Greek words “malakoi” and “arsenokoitai”

More Application:

- Tell your story through the lens of your sexuality. We’re all broken. All who know Christ have been redeemed *and are being* redeemed. We’re in this together.
 - The religious, self-righteous jerk
 - The irreligious, self-condemning “sinner”

- Learn to honor one another.
 - Brethren and sistren in Christ—Let’s grow in our relationship with one another as brother and sister in Christ. We are a family, albeit at times a dysfunctional one. Let’s grow together.
 - Men and women who don’t yet know Christ—Perhaps God would use you to be a part of someone else’s story of redemption.
- Behave, Believe, Belong...Become *OR* Belong, Believe, Behave, Become?

More Quotes:

Sean McDowell, Opening Speech from His Conversation with Matthew Vines:

“Imagine a world in which everyone followed God’s design for sex and marriage: There would be no sexually transmitted diseases. No abortions. No brokenness from divorce. Every child would have a mother and a father and experience the love and acceptance each parent uniquely offers. There would be no rape, no sex abuse, no sex trafficking, no pornography, and no need for a #metoo campaign. Think of the healing and wholeness if people simply lived Jesus’ life-giving words regarding human sexuality.

“This is why I don’t embrace the term ‘non-affirming’ to describe my own view. I **am** affirming of Jesus’ view. Jesus knows best for mankind. I affirm that Jesus knew what he was talking about and had good reasons for it. Thus, I prefer the phrase ‘Jesus’ view’ to describe my view—the view that God designed sex for the one-flesh marital union of a man and a woman, and the term ‘revisionist’ for the position, which Matthew embraces, that God blesses some same-sex unions.”

The Confessions, St. Augustine (pp. 34-35):

“To your grace also do I ascribe whatever sins I did not commit, for what would I not have been capable of, I who could be enamored even of a wanton (deliberate and unprovoked) crime? I acknowledge that you have forgiven me everything, both the sins I willfully committed by following my own will, and those I avoided through your guidance. Is there anyone who can take stock of his own weakness and still dare to credit his chastity and innocence to his own efforts? And could such a person think to love you less, on the pretext that he has had smaller need of your mercy, that mercy with which you forgive the sins of those who turn back to you? If there is anyone whom you have called, who by responding to your summons has avoided those sins which he finds me remembering and confessing in my own life as he reads this, let him not mock me; for I have been healed by the same doctor who has granted him the grace not to fall ill, or at least to fall ill less seriously. Let such a person therefore love you just as much, or even more, on seeing that the same physician who rescued me from sinful diseases of such gravity has kept him immune.”

Porn-Again Christian by Mark Driscoll:

“In 125 AD, Athenian philosopher Christian Aristides reported on the sexual practices of the Christian church to his king. He said, “They (Christians) do not commit adultery or immorality. . . . Their wives, O king, are as pure as virgins, and their daughters are modest. Their men abstain from all unlawful sexual contact and from impurity, in the hopes of recompense that is to come in another world.”

Passages addressing marriage:

Matthew 22:23-33

²³The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, ²⁴saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.’ ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. ²⁶So too the second and third, down to the seventh. ²⁷After them all, the woman died. ²⁸In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her.”

²⁹But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: ³²‘I am the God of Abraham, and

the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.”³³ And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

- In the resurrection we won't marry because we'll be like angels. We won't die. There will be no need for multiplication. God is the God of the living, not the dead.
- This reinforces that procreation (or at least the possibility of procreation) as an integral part to marriage.

Passages addressing sexual immorality:

- **Leviticus 20:10** [*Punishments for Sexual Immorality*] “If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”
- **Deuteronomy 22:13** [*Laws Concerning Sexual Immorality*] “If any man takes a wife and goes in to her and then hates her...”
- **Matthew 5:32** But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of **sexual immorality**, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- **Matthew 15:19** For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, **sexual immorality**, theft, false witness, slander.
- **Matthew 19:9** “And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for **sexual immorality**, and marries another, commits adultery.”
- **Mark 7:21** For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, **sexual immorality**, theft, murder, adultery...
- **John 8:41** You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of **sexual immorality**. We have one Father—even God.”
- **Acts 15:20** ...but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from **sexual immorality**, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.
- **Acts 15:29** ...that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from **sexual immorality**. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”
- **Acts 21:25** “But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from **sexual immorality**.”
- **Romans 13:13** Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in **sexual immorality** and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.
- **1 Corinthians 5:1** [*Sexual Immorality Defiles the Church*] It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality** among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.
- **1 Corinthians 5:11** But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of **sexual immorality** or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.
- **1 Corinthians 6:12-13** [*Flee Sexual Immorality*]¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.¹³ Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for **sexual immorality**, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
- **1 Corinthians 6:18** Flee from **sexual immorality**. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the **sexually** immoral person sins against his own body.
- **1 Corinthians 7:2** But because of the temptation to **sexual immorality**, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.
- **1 Corinthians 10:8** We must not indulge in **sexual immorality** as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.
- **2 Corinthians 12:21** I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, **sexual immorality**, and sensuality that they have practiced.
- **Galatians 5:19** Now the works of the flesh are evident: **sexual immorality**, impurity, sensuality...

- **Ephesians 5:3** But **sexual immorality** and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.
- **Colossians 3:5** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: **sexual immorality**, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from **sexual immorality**;
- **Jude 1:7** ...just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in **sexual immorality** and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.
- **Revelation 2:14** But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice **sexual immorality**.

hugaiainó

Strong's Greek: 5198. υἰαίνω (hugaiainó) — 12 Occurrences

Luke 5:31 V-PPA-NMP

GRK: ἔχουσιν οἱ **υἰαίνοντες** ἰατροῦ ἀλλὰ

NAS: to them, [It is] not those *who are well* who need

KJV: them, *They that are whole* need

INT: have they who *are in health* of a physician but

Luke 7:10 V-PPA-AMS

GRK: τὸν δοῦλον **υἰαίνοντα**

NAS: they found the slave *in good health*.

KJV: the servant *whole* that had been sick.

INT: the servant *in good health*

Luke 15:27 V-PPA-AMS

GRK: σιτευτόν ὅτι **υἰαίνοντα** αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν

NAS: he has received him back *safe and sound*.'

KJV: he hath received him *safe and sound*.

INT: fattened because *safe and well* him he received

1 Timothy 1:10 V-PPA-DFS

GRK: ἕτερον τῆ **υἰαίνουση** διδασκαλίᾳ ἀντίκειται

NAS: else is contrary *to sound* teaching,

KJV: that is contrary *to sound* doctrine;

INT: other this *being sound* teaching is opposed to

1 Timothy 6:3 V-PPA-DMP

GRK: μὴ προσέρχεται **υἰαίνουσιν** λόγοις τοῖς

NAS: and does not agree *with sound* words,

KJV: not *to wholesome* words,

INT: not draws near *to sound* words those

2 Timothy 1:13 V-PPA-GMP

GRK: ὑποτύπωσιν ἔχε **υἰαίνόντων** λόγων ὧν

NAS: the standard *of sound* words

KJV: the form *of sound* words,

INT: A pattern have *of sound* words which

2 Timothy 4:3 V-PPA-GFS

GRK: ὅτε τῆς **υἰαίνουσης** διδασκαλίας οὐκ

NAS: they will not endure *sound* doctrine;

KJV: not endure *sound* doctrine; but

INT: when *sound* teaching not

Titus 1:9 V-PPA-DFS

GRK: διδασκαλίᾳ τῆ **υἰαίνουση** καὶ τοὺς

NAS: to exhort *in sound* doctrine

KJV: able by *sound* doctrine both

INT: teaching *sound* and those who

Titus 1:13 V-PSA-3P

GRK: ἀποτόμως ἵνα ὑγιαίνωσιν ἐν τῇ

NAS: so *that they may be sound* in the faith,

KJV: that *they may be sound* in

INT: with severity that *they might be sound* in the

Titus 2:1 V-PPA-DFS

GRK: πρέπει τῇ ὑγιαίνουσῃ διδασκαλίᾳ

NAS: are fitting *for sound* doctrine.

KJV: become *sound* doctrine:

INT: become *sound* doctrine

Titus 2:2 V-PPA-AMP

GRK: σεμνούς σώφρονας ὑγιαίνοντας τῇ πίστει

NAS: sensible, *sound* in faith,

KJV: temperate, *sound* in faith,

INT: dignified self-controlled *sound* in faith

3 John 1:2 V-PNA

GRK: εὐοδοῦσθαι καὶ ὑγιαίνειν καθὼς εὐοδοῦται

NAS: you may prosper *and be in good health*, just

KJV: and *be in health*, even as

INT: to prosper and *be in health* even as prospers

didaskalia

Strong's Greek: 1319. διδασκαλία (didaskalia) — 21 Occurrences

Matthew 15:9 N-AFP

GRK: με διδάσκοντες διδασκαλίας ἐντάλματα ἀνθρώπων

NAS: ME, TEACHING *AS DOCTRINES* THE PRECEPTS

KJV: teaching *[for] doctrines* the commandments

INT: me teaching [as] *teachings* [the] precepts of men

Mark 7:7 N-AFP

GRK: με διδάσκοντες διδασκαλίας ἐντάλματα ἀνθρώπων

NAS: ME, TEACHING *AS DOCTRINES* THE PRECEPTS

KJV: teaching *[for] doctrines* the commandments

INT: me teaching *[as] teachings* precepts of men

Romans 12:7 N-DFS

GRK: ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ

NAS: or he who teaches, *in his teaching*;

KJV: he that teacheth, on *teaching*;

INT: in the *teaching*

Romans 15:4 N-AFS

GRK: τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν ἐγράφη ἵνα

NAS: was written *for our instruction*, so

KJV: for our *learning*, that we

INT: our *instruction* was written before that

Ephesians 4:14 N-GFS

GRK: ἀνέμῳ τῆς διδασκαλίας ἐν τῇ

NAS: wind *of doctrine*, by the trickery

KJV: every wind *of doctrine*, by the sleight

INT: wind *of teaching* in the

Colossians 2:22 N-AFP

GRK: ἐντάλματα καὶ διδασκαλίαι τῶν ἀνθρώπων

NAS: with the commandments *and teachings* of men?

KJV: the commandments and *doctrines* of men?

INT: precepts and *teachings* of men

1 Timothy 1:10 N-DFS

GRK: τῆ ὑγιαίνουσα διδασκαλία ἀντίκειται

NAS: is contrary to sound *teaching*,

KJV: that is contrary to sound *doctrine*;

INT: this being sound *teaching* is opposed to

1 Timothy 4:1 N-DFP

GRK: πλάνοις καὶ διδασκαλίαις δαιμονίων

NAS: spirits *and doctrines* of demons,

KJV: spirits, and *doctrines* of devils;

INT: deceiving and *teachings* of demons

1 Timothy 4:6 N-GFS

GRK: τῆς καλῆς διδασκαλίας ἣ παρηκολούθηκας

NAS: and of the sound *doctrine* which

KJV: of good *doctrine*, whereunto

INT: of the good *teaching* which you have closely followed

1 Timothy 4:13 N-DFS

GRK: παρακλήσει τῆ διδασκαλία

NAS: [of Scripture], to exhortation *and teaching*.

KJV: to exhortation, *to doctrine*.

INT: to exhortation *to teaching*

1 Timothy 4:16 N-DFS

GRK: καὶ τῆ διδασκαλία ἐπίμενε αὐτοῖς

NAS: to yourself *and to your teaching*; persevere

KJV: and *unto the doctrine*; continue

INT: and to the *teaching* continue in them

1 Timothy 5:17 N-DFS

GRK: λόγῳ καὶ διδασκαλία

NAS: at preaching *and teaching*.

KJV: the word and *doctrine*.

INT: word and *teaching*

1 Timothy 6:1 N-NFS

GRK: καὶ ἡ διδασκαλία βλασφημῆται

NAS: of God *and [our] doctrine* will not be spoken against.

KJV: of God and *[his] doctrine* be not

INT: and the *teaching* be blasphemed

1 Timothy 6:3 N-DFS

GRK: κατ' εὐσέβειαν διδασκαλία

NAS: Christ, *and with the doctrine* conforming

KJV: and *to the doctrine* which is according

INT: according to godliness *teaching*

2 Timothy 3:10 N-DFS

GRK: μου τῆ διδασκαλία τῆ ἀγωγῆ

NAS: Now you followed *my teaching*, conduct,

KJV: my *doctrine*, manner of life,
INT: of me the *teaching* the conduct

2 Timothy 3:16 N-AFS

GRK: ωφέλιμος πρὸς **διδασκαλίαν** πρὸς ἐλεγμὸν
NAS: and profitable *for teaching*, for reproof,
KJV: for *doctrine*, for
INT: profitable for *teaching* for reproof

2 Timothy 4:3 N-GFS

GRK: τῆς ὑγιαίνουσης **διδασκαλίας** οὐκ ἀνέξονται
NAS: sound *doctrine*; but [wanting] to have their ears
KJV: endure sound *doctrine*; but after
INT: sound *teaching* not they will endure

Titus 1:9 N-DFS

GRK: ἐν τῇ **διδασκαλίᾳ** τῇ ὑγιαίνουσῃ
NAS: in sound *doctrine* and to refute
KJV: by sound *doctrine* both to exhort
INT: with the *teaching* sound

Titus 2:1 N-DFS

GRK: τῇ ὑγιαίνουσῃ **διδασκαλίᾳ**
NAS: are fitting for sound *doctrine*.
KJV: become sound *doctrine*:
INT: sound *doctrine*

Titus 2:7 N-DFS

GRK: ἐν τῇ **διδασκαλίᾳ** ἀφθορίαν σεμνότητα
NAS: [with] purity *in doctrine*, dignified,
KJV: in *doctrine* [shewing] uncorruptness,
INT: in *teaching* uncorruptness dignity

Titus 2:10 N-AFS

GRK: ἵνα τὴν **διδασκαλίαν** τὴν τοῦ
NAS: that they will adorn *the doctrine* of God
KJV: they may adorn *the doctrine* of God
INT: that the *doctrine* of the

porneia

Strong's Greek: 4202. πορνεία (porneia) — 25 Occurrences

Matthew 5:32 N-GFS

GRK: παρεκτὸς λόγου **πορνείας** ποιεῖ αὐτήν
NAS: for [the] reason *of unchastity*, makes
KJV: for the cause *of fornication*, causeth
INT: except on account *of sexual immorality* causes her

Matthew 15:19 N-NFP

GRK: φόνοι μοιχεῖαι **πορνεῖαι** κλοπαὶ ψευδομαρτυρίαι
NAS: adulteries, *fornications*, thefts,
KJV: adulteries, *fornications*, thefts,
INT: murders adulteries *sexual immorality* thefts false witnessings

Matthew 19:9 N-DFS

GRK: μὴ ἐπὶ **πορνείᾳ** καὶ γαμήσῃ
NAS: except *for immorality*, and marries
KJV: [it be] for *fornication*, and
INT: except for *sexual immorality* and shall marry

Mark 7:21 N-NFP

GRK: κακοὶ ἐκπορεύονται **πορνεῖαι** κλοπαὶ φόνοι
 NAS: thoughts, *fornications*, thefts,
 KJV: adulteries, *fornications*, murders,
 INT: evil go forth *sexual immorality* thefts murders

John 8:41 N-GFS

GRK: Ἡμεῖς ἐκ **πορνείας** οὐ γεγεννήμεθα
 NAS: to Him, We were not born *of fornication*; we have
 KJV: born of *fornication*; we have one
 INT: We of *sexual immorality* not have been born

Acts 15:20 N-GFS

GRK: καὶ τῆς **πορνείας** καὶ τοῦ
 NAS: by idols *and from fornication* and from what is strangled
 KJV: and [*from*] *fornication*, and
 INT: and *sexual immorality* and that

Acts 15:29 N-GFS

GRK: πνικτῶν καὶ **πορνείας** ἐξ ὧν
 NAS: and from things strangled *and from fornication*; if you keep
 KJV: and *from fornication*: from
 INT: from what is strangled and *from sexual immorality* from which

Acts 21:25 N-AFS

GRK: πνικτὸν καὶ **πορνείαν**
 NAS: and from what is strangled *and from fornication*.
 KJV: from strangled, and *from fornication*.
 INT: what is strangled and *sexual immorality*

1 Corinthians 5:1 N-NFS

GRK: ἐν ὑμῖν **πορνεία** καὶ τοιαύτη
 NAS: reported *that there is immorality* among
 KJV: commonly [*that there is*] *fornication* among
 INT: among you *sexual immorality* and such

1 Corinthians 5:1 N-NFS

GRK: καὶ τοιαύτη **πορνεία** ἣτις οὐδὲ
 NAS: among *you, and immorality* of such a kind
 KJV: and such *fornication* as is
 INT: and such *sexual immorality* which not even

1 Corinthians 6:13 N-DFS

GRK: οὐ τῇ **πορνείᾳ** ἀλλὰ τῷ
 NAS: the body *is not for immorality*, but for the Lord,
 KJV: [is] not *for fornication*, but
 INT: not *for sexual immorality* but for the

1 Corinthians 6:18 N-AFS

GRK: φεύγετε τὴν **πορνείαν** πᾶν ἀμάρτημα
 NAS: Flee *immorality*. Every [other] sin
 KJV: Flee *fornication*. Every sin
 INT: Flee *sexual immorality* Every sin

1 Corinthians 7:2 N-AFP

GRK: δὲ τὰς **πορνείας** ἕκαστος τὴν
 NAS: But because *of immoralities*, each man
 KJV: Nevertheless, [*to avoid*] *fornication*, let
 INT: however *sexual immorality* each one

2 Corinthians 12:21 N-DFS

GRK: ἀκαθαρσία καὶ **πορνεία** καὶ ἀσελγεία
 NAS: of the impurity, *immorality* and sensuality
 KJV: and *fornication* and
 INT: uncleanness and *sexual immorality* and sensuality

Galatians 5:19 N-NFS

GRK: ἅτινά ἐστιν **πορνεία** ἀκαθαρσία ἀσελγεία
 NAS: which *are: immorality*, impurity,
 KJV: [these]; Adultery, *fornication*, uncleanness,
 INT: which are *sexual immorality* impurity sensuality

Ephesians 5:3 N-NFS

GRK: **Πορνεία** δὲ καὶ
 NAS: *But immorality* or any
 KJV: But *fornication*, and all
 INT: *sexual immorality* however and

Colossians 3:5 N-AFS

GRK: τῆς γῆς **πορνείαν** ἀκαθαρσίαν πάθος
 NAS: body as dead *to immorality*, impurity,
 KJV: the earth; *fornication*, uncleanness,
 INT: the earth *sexual immorality* uncleanness passion

1 Thessalonians 4:3 N-GFS

GRK: ἀπὸ τῆς **πορνείας**
 NAS: [that is], that you abstain *from sexual immorality*;
 KJV: should abstain from *fornication*:
 INT: from *sexual immorality*

Revelation 2:21 N-GFS

GRK: ἐκ τῆς **πορνείας** αὐτῆς
 NAS: to repent *of her immorality*.
 KJV: of her *fornication*; and she repented
 INT: of the *sexual immorality* of her

Revelation 9:21 N-GFS

GRK: ἐκ τῆς **πορνείας** αὐτῶν οὐτε
 NAS: nor *of their immorality* nor
 KJV: of their *fornication*, nor of
 INT: of the *sexual immorality* of them nor

Revelation 14:8 N-GFS

GRK: θυμοῦ τῆς **πορνείας** αὐτῆς πεπότικεν
 NAS: of the passion *of her immorality*.
 KJV: of the wrath of her *fornication*.
 INT: fury of the *immorality* of her she has given to drink

Revelation 17:2 N-GFS

GRK: οἴνου τῆς **πορνείας** αὐτῆς
 NAS: with the wine *of her immorality*.
 KJV: the wine of her *fornication*.
 INT: wine of the *sexual immorality* of her

Revelation 17:4 N-GFS

GRK: ἀκάθαρτα τῆς **πορνείας** αὐτῆς
 NAS: and of the unclean things *of her immorality*,
 KJV: filthiness of her *fornication*:
 INT: uncleanness of the *sexual immorality* of her

Revelation 18:3 N-GFS

GRK: θυμοῦ τῆς **πορνείας** αὐτῆς πέπωκαν
 NAS: of the passion *of her immorality*, and the kings
 KJV: of her *fornication*, and
 INT: fury of the *sexual immorality* of her have drunk

Revelation 19:2 N-DFS

GRK: ἐν τῇ **πορνείᾳ** αὐτῆς καὶ
 NAS: the earth *with her immorality*, and HE HAS AVENGED
 KJV: with her *fornication*, and hath avenged
 INT: with the *sexual immorality* of her and

porneuó

Strong's Greek: 4203. πορνεύω (porneuó) — 8 Occurrences

1 Corinthians 6:18 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: ὁ δὲ **πορνεύων** εἰς τὸ
 NAS: the body, *but the immoral* man sins
 KJV: but *he that committeth fornication* sinneth
 INT: he who however *commits sexual immorality* against the

1 Corinthians 10:8 V-PSA-1P

GRK: μηδὲ **πορνεύωμεν** καθὼς τινες
 NAS: Nor *let us act* immorally, as some
 KJV: Neither *let us commit fornication*, as
 INT: Neither *should we commit sexual immorality* as some

1 Corinthians 10:8 V-AIA-3P

GRK: τινες αὐτῶν **ἐπόρνευσαν** καὶ ἔπεσαν
 NAS: let us act *immorally*, as some
 KJV: some of them *committed*, and fell
 INT: some of them *committed sexual immorality* and fell

Revelation 2:14 V-ANA

GRK: εἰδωλόθυτα καὶ **πορνεῦσαι**
 NAS: things sacrificed to idols *and to commit [acts of] immorality*.
 KJV: and *to commit fornication*.
 INT: things sacrificed to idols and *to commit sexual immorality*

Revelation 2:20 V-ANA

GRK: ἔμοους δούλους **πορνεῦσαι** καὶ φαγεῖν
 NAS: astray *so that they commit [acts of] immorality* and eat
 KJV: servants *to commit fornication*, and
 INT: my servants *to commit sexual immorality* and to eat

Revelation 17:2 V-AIA-3P

GRK: μεθ' ἧς **ἐπόρνευσαν** οἱ βασιλεῖς
 NAS: of the earth *committed [acts of] immorality*, and those
 KJV: of the earth *have committed fornication*, and
 INT: with whom *committed sexual immorality* the kings

Revelation 18:3 V-AIA-3P

GRK: μετ' αὐτῆς **ἐπόρνευσαν** καὶ οἱ
 NAS: of the earth *have committed [acts of] immorality* with her, and the merchants
 KJV: of the earth *have committed fornication* with
 INT: with her *did commit sexual immorality* and the

Revelation 18:9 V-APA-NMP

GRK: μετ' αὐτῆς **πορνεύσαντες** καὶ στρηνιάσαντες

NAS: of the earth, *who committed [acts of] immorality* and lived sensuously
KJV: who *have committed fornication* and
INT: with her *having committed sexual immorality* and having lived luxuriously

porné

Strong's Greek: 4204. πόρνη (porné) — 12 Occurrences

Matthew 21:31 N-NFP

GRK: καὶ αἱ πόρναι προάγουσιν ὑμᾶς
NAS: to you that the tax collectors *and prostitutes* will get
KJV: the publicans and *the harlots* go into
INT: and the *prostitutes* go before you

Matthew 21:32 N-NFP

GRK: καὶ αἱ πόρναι ἐπίστευσαν αὐτῷ
NAS: him; but the tax collectors *and prostitutes* did believe
KJV: and *the harlots* believed
INT: and the *prostitutes* believed him

Luke 15:30 N-GFP

GRK: βίον μετὰ πορνῶν ἤλθεν ἔθυσας
NAS: your wealth *with prostitutes*, you killed
KJV: with *harlots*, thou hast killed
INT: living with *prostitutes* came you did kill

1 Corinthians 6:15 N-GFS

GRK: χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη μὴ
NAS: them members *of a prostitute?* May it never
KJV: [them] the members *of an harlot?* God forbid.
INT: Christ shall I make *[them] of a prostitute* members never

1 Corinthians 6:16 N-DFS

GRK: κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνη ἐν σῶμά
NAS: that the one who joins *himself to a prostitute* is one
KJV: he which is joined *to an harlot* is
INT: is joined to the *prostitute* one body

Hebrews 11:31 N-NFS

GRK: Ῥαὰβ ἡ πόρνη οὐ συναπώλετο
NAS: Rahab *the harlot* did not perish along
KJV: By faith *the harlot* Rahab perished
INT: Rahab the *prostitute* not did perish with

James 2:25 N-NFS

GRK: Ῥαὰβ ἡ πόρνη οὐκ ἐξ
NAS: was not Rahab *the harlot* also
KJV: not Rahab *the harlot* justified by
INT: Rahab the *prostitute* not by

Revelation 17:1 N-GFS

GRK: κρίμα τῆς πόρνης τῆς μεγάλης
NAS: of the great *harlot* who sits
KJV: of the great *whore* that sitteth
INT: punishment of the *prostitute* great

Revelation 17:5 N-GFP

GRK: ΜΗΤΗΡ ΤΩΝ ΠΟΡΝΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΤΩΝ
NAS: THE MOTHER *OF HARLOTS* AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS

KJV: THE MOTHER *OF HARLOTS* AND
 INT: mother of the *prostitutes* and of the

Revelation 17:15 N-NFS

GRK: οὗ ἡ πόρνη κάθηται λαοὶ
 NAS: where *the harlot* sits,
 KJV: where *the whore* sitteth,
 INT: where the *prostitute* sits peoples

Revelation 17:16 N-AFS

GRK: μισήσουσιν τὴν πόρνην καὶ ἠρημωμένην
 NAS: will hate *the harlot* and will make
 KJV: shall hate *the whore*, and
 INT: will hate the *prostitute* and desolate

Revelation 19:2 N-AFS

GRK: ἔκρινεν τὴν πόρνην τὴν μεγάλην
 NAS: the great *harlot* who
 KJV: the great *whore*, which
 INT: he judged the *prostitute* great

pornos

Strong's Greek: 4205. πόρνος (pornos) — 10 Occurrences

1 Corinthians 5:9 N-DMP

GRK: μὴ συναμίγνυσθαι πόρνοις
 NAS: not to associate *with immoral people*;
 KJV: not to company *with fornicators*:
 INT: not to associate with *the sexually immoral*

1 Corinthians 5:10 N-DMP

GRK: πάντως τοῖς πόρνοις τοῦ κόσμου
 NAS: I [did] not at all [*mean*] *with the immoral people* of this
 KJV: altogether *with the fornicators* of this
 INT: altogether with the *sexually immoral* the world

1 Corinthians 5:11 N-NMS

GRK: ὀνομαζόμενος ἢ πόρνος ἢ πλεονέκτης
 NAS: if *he is an immoral person*, or
 KJV: be *a fornicator*, or
 INT: designated be either *sexually immoral* or covetous

1 Corinthians 6:9 N-NMP

GRK: πλανᾶσθε οὔτε πόρνοι οὔτε εἰδωλόλατραι
 NAS: neither *fornicators*, nor
 KJV: neither *fornicators*, nor
 INT: Be misled neither *the sexually immoral* nor idolaters

Ephesians 5:5 N-NMS

GRK: ὅτι πᾶς πόρνος ἢ ἀκάθαρτος
 NAS: that no *immoral* or
 KJV: no *whoremonger*, nor
 INT: that any *fornicator* or unclean person

1 Timothy 1:10 N-DMP

GRK: πόρνοις ἀρσενοκοίταις ἀνδραποδισταῖς
 NAS: *and immoral men* and homosexuals
 KJV: *For whoremongers*, for them that defile themselves with mankind,
 INT: *the sexually immoral* homosexuals men-stealers

Hebrews 12:16 N-NMS

GRK: μή τις πόρνος ἢ βέβηλος

NAS: that [there be] no *immoral* or

KJV: there [be] any *fornicator*, or

INT: lest [there be] any *fornicator* or profane person

Hebrews 13:4 N-AMP

GRK: κοίτη ἀμίαντος πόρνους γὰρ καὶ

NAS: [is to be] undefiled; *for fornicators* and adulterers

KJV: but *whoremongers* and

INT: bed [be] undefiled *the sexually immoral* however and

Revelation 21:8 N-DMP

GRK: φονεῦσιν καὶ πόρνοις καὶ φαρμακοῖς

NAS: and murderers *and immoral persons* and sorcerers

KJV: and *whoremongers*, and

INT: murderers and *the sexually immoral* and sorcerers

Revelation 22:15 N-NMP

GRK: καὶ οἱ πόρνοι καὶ οἱ

NAS: and the sorcerers *and the immoral persons* and the murderers

KJV: and *whoremongers*, and

INT: and the *the sexually immoral* and the