

Don't Trip Over **SEX**

Proverbs 7:1-27 Eph 5:1-10 Mt 5:27-30

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If there is one area that really shows the sharp distinction between the **secular worldview** and the **Christian worldview**, it is the area of **sexual immorality**. **THE DIFFERENCE IS CRYSTAL CLEAR!**

For the world, **sexual immorality** is a thing to be flaunted and celebrated; homosexuality and transgenderism is leading the way. They make flags to celebrate their immorality; they teach sexual immorality to children starting in preschool¹, and they have grand parades marching down main street to publicly celebrate it. If you speak out it against it, they accuse you of hate speech. In Norway, if you speak out it against it, you go to jail for 3 years². The **secular world** view is to flaunt and celebrate sexual immorality³.



In sharp contrast is the **Christian worldview**. The Christian worldview concerning sexual ethics can be summed up quite easily with this verse:

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexual offenders, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers will **inherit the kingdom of God**. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

What a sharp contrast to the secular worldview!

¹ For one of countless examples, see <https://smallvoicesbigideas.com>. Or see the website "Drag Queen Story Hour", where their goal is to "capture the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and give kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models." <https://www.dragqueenstoryhour.org>

² See this article: <https://www.reuters.com/article/norway-lgbt-lawmaking/norway-outlaws-hate-speech-against-trans-people-idUSKBN2852DL>

³ This all reminds us of the importance of Lutheran Schools. If you have children, please schedule an informative tour of our school. Trinity Lutheran School consists of daycare, preschool, and elementary to 8th grade. **It is one of the few places remaining today that intentionally teaches Biblical ethics, morals and values!**

So which one is right? The Secular worldview or the Christian worldview? They are exactly opposite each other; and your choice has eternal consequences.

The Bible teaches that sexual immorality is any sexual activity outside the marriage of one biological male and one biological female. Sexual sin is a sin that will kill your faith and condemn you! 5 of the 10 sins listed in this passage have to do with sexual immorality! The warning is: Don't Be Deceived: these are dangerous sins! Sexual sin entangles you and separates you from Christ. Jesus warns us of the danger when He teaches:

Jesus said: You have heard that it was said, '**Do not commit adultery.**' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Matthew 5:27-28

Do not be deceived:

It is not loving and kind to another person to celebrate, support, and encourage their rebellion against God and His Word, **knowing** that they will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

It is not loving and kind to another human being to celebrate, support, and encourage their immorality, depravity and wickedness, **knowing** that they will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

If you love your neighbor, you will warn them of the danger! The book of Romans teaches that if you choose to celebrate, support, and encourage someone's sin, then you have joined them in their rebellion and immorality (See *Romans 1:32*).

With all these warnings, what God is doing is protecting His gift of Marriage. Marriage is one biological male and one biological female committed to each other in a lifelong union. It is in Marriage where God has placed the gift of sexuality. It is in Marriage where God makes two people one. It is in Marriage where God has placed the blessing of children. Marriage is a public and ongoing image of Christ and His Church! Christ sacrificed His life on a cross for His Bride, the Holy Christian Church. He gave His life so that She would be His own and live in His Kingdom in righteousness, holiness and purity forever. The love of Christ for His Bride is seen in His death on the cross; and on the Third Day, He declares Her to be righteous, holy, and pure! Marriage is an on-going picture of this: the husband sacrifices for his wife and the wife loves and honors her husband. The intimate and lifelong

relationship of husband and wife is an on-going witness to the Lord Jesus Christ and His love for His Church! *An attack on Marriage is really a demonic attack on Christ Himself!*

Remember, that we are engaged in spiritual warfare as we live our lives here on earth! Satan has turned the floodgates of sexual immorality wide open; modern day America would make Sodom and Gomorrah blush! The flaunting and celebrating of sexual immorality is nothing short of an attack on Christ and persecution of His People. It is important that you understand this so that you do not stand with Satan and his depraved demons against Christ and His Word!

The battleline is always shifting; it is currently described in terms of Gender --> or should we say, the absence of Gender. The world wants you to think that gender is fluid, and you can make up a gender if you want. One website lists 64 different terms that describe various “genders”⁴!



Obvious this is a direct attack on God the Creator, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created all people either “male and female”. **By confusing the genders -- marriage, family, children, and even society itself -- is cast into chaos, turmoil, and darkness ... exactly what Satan loves. Soon depression, despair, and hopelessness will follow.**

If you side with Christ and stand on the truth of His Word, then you are under attack; **expect to be persecuted.** Homosexuality and transgenderism is leading the charge; the government and most “Christians” are in full support, and Satan and his depraved demons are orchestrating the whole thing.

That is what is going on in the world ... you can expect the world’s sexual ethic to be turned upside down. This should not surprise any of us. **But you do not want your life to be turned upside down with sexual immorality.** Not

⁴ See <https://www.healthline.com/health/different-genders#why-it-matters>

only is the danger imminent in the world around us; but the temptation is so very strong in your own life, and in your own heart and mind.

Sexual immorality is a powerful temptation; it is addictive, and it destroys and corrupts God's good gift of sexuality to you personally.

Sexual immorality will tangle you up and turn your life upside down; it will **tarnish your character**, **break-up your marriage**, **shatter your family**, **threaten your career**, & **separate you from God**.

Sexual immorality includes **ALL sexual sins**: **Lust**, **Adultery**, **Pornography**, **Sexual Immorality**, **Homosexuality**, **Living Together before your married**, **Casual Sex**, **"Friends with Benefits"** --- not to mention the **whole slough of sexual crimes!**

Sexual immorality comes from your sinful nature; and it will bring destruction into your life.

Don't forfeit your eternal salvation
for Sexual immorality!

Today, if you are tangled up in **Sexual immorality**; then REPENT! and let God untangle you. That happens as you confess your sins and trust in Christ to forgive you. Christ came into the world to redeem and restore you. His work of salvation took him to Jerusalem where He suffered and died on a cross to set you free from sin; you are delivered! You are redeemed! You are restored! You have NEW LIFE! You were washed clean in Holy Baptism by God the Father, you are sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are pure and holy in God's eyes! **Sexual immorality** is not your master! You are not a slave to it: you are not impure; you belong to God. You were bought with a price, therefore glory God with your body.

Only Christ can set you free! Only the Gospel is the power of God for salvation, wholeness, and healing! Today, if you are tangled up in **Sexual immorality**; then REPENT! and let God untangle you!

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God has called **you** in Christ to be righteous, holy, and pure. When you believe that, and live that way, you are a bright light to people around you. **Let your light shine** ... *the world desperately needs it!*

Amen!