

The Naked Truth about Sex & Sexuality and its Deterioration

Last week: God’s design as men and women, marriage, sex, and our sexuality.

This weekend: The deterioration of God’s design.

Next week: The dedication of God’s design—redemption and restoration of our brokenness.

Why would the church speak out about these things?

How and where did you learn about sex and sexuality? _____

Our Culture is not silent. They’re busy educating our world.

Our Enemy is not silent. They destroy God’s image, design, and creation—all to hurt God!

Our God is not silent. The church is a place of Truth and Grace. (What better of a place?!) _____

This message is not to the world... it’s to us, the church.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 (NIV84) ¹²What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³God will judge those outside...

Christian, why are you surprised when people who aren’t surrendered to Christ live lives that reflect them not being surrendered to Christ?!?

Deterioration (dəˌtɪrᵻəˈrɑːʃ(ə)n): the process of becoming progressively worse (Google Dictionary)

Don’t you know people who do _____ will not inherit the kingdom of God?

(1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5)

What’s your sins? _____

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 (NLT)

“Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, ¹⁰or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

¹²Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

¹³You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. And even though “I am allowed to do anything,” I must not become a slave to anything. ¹⁴You say, “Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food.” (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can’t say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. ¹⁵And God will raise us from the dead by his power, just as he raised our Lord from the dead.

¹⁶Don’t you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! ¹⁷And don’t you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, “The two are united into one.” ¹⁸But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

¹⁹Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. ²⁰Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²¹for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

Discussion questions for home, or Life Group:

Passages to look at: Genesis 3; Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 6; Ephesians 5:1-21

1. What did you hear that challenged you, encouraged you, or convicted you?
2. Describe what happens when what God has designed is misused, ignored, or corrupted.
3. How has your world been impacted by the deterioration of God’s good design? Think about how you, your perspective, your family, and your different environments have been impacted.
4. How is God directing you to respond to what you He is showing you?
