Abstaining From Sexual Vices

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Topic

ABSTAINING FROM SEXUAL VICES

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Prayer

Blessed Father of glory, we adore Your majesty, You are awesome and glorious, plenteous in mercy, be thou praised. As we learn at Your feet, we pray that You shall fill us up according to Your will and that You'd take all the glory in Jesus Christ name. Amen

Study

We would be having a short break on the on going teaching, on the doctrines of Satan, one of our teaching days would be used for it until we conclude it as another teaching day is being dedicated to other studies. Someone filled with The Holy Ghost should please help with the verses **1 Thessalonians 4:3-6**

3"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**"4**"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;**"5"**Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:"**6**"That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that The Lord is the avenger of all such, as we als**o have forewarned you and testified." KJV**

Apostle Paul continued his letter to the Thessalonians by making them know what the will of God is their sanctification, that is their holiness, it is God's will that we all become holy even as He is, matter of holiness cannot be overemphasized, thus, it is written in **1 Peter 1:16 KJV** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. God delights in a Holy living, sinless, pure and righteous one for this is His nature and character, anyone who claims to be God's must know His will concerning holiness, for without it no man shall see His face. Apostle Paul went further to make one of the things that would sum up to our Holy living made, he said The will of God in your Holy living is to abstain from sexual

immorality. Why should sexual immorality be so much attached to our Holy living making it a threat to us being Holy?. It is because every sin that a man sins is outside the body but the sin of sexual immorality is against his own body. **1Corinthians 6:18 KJV** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body, God wants us to abstain from it.

According to experience, observation and research I have found to know that the sin of sexual immorality is one of the most deadliest sins and one which God really frowns at, this sin can take a man from the high level of spirituality and bring him down to the starting point, Since it is a sin against the body it renders the body polluted for The Holy Spirit to dwell in. If a man has The Holy Spirit in him and he keeps committing sexual sins, sooner the person will see that The Holy Spirit will go silent in him because his body which is The Temple of God where The Holy Spirit dwells is now unfit and unclean for such Spirit as Holy as He to dwell in. The Holy Spirit in us is what shows that God dwells in us and we are His own that is why **Romans 8:9b KJV** ...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. That is to say if one has the Spirit and he is sure that He has The Spirit, he should not endanger his own soul by going into sexual immorality because this sin makes The Holy Spirit depart from one, so such person gets liable to attacks from the kingdom of darkness.

I have shared this story before and I will like to share it again, sometime ago some set of evil people wanted to attack me because I was standing against their works so they tried several ways but could not since The Holy Spirit in me was very active and making me secure in God, then they looked for a way to see that God leaves me, for they knew that once The Holy Spirit leaves, I will be on my own and they will succeed, so they planned on giving me something (a charm) to eat so that I can fall into the sin of sexual immorality with one of them but The Holy Spirit stopped me from eating what they made. At that time, I did not really know how deadly the sin of sexual immorality can be but since it was a sin, I stayed aloof from it, it was when this incident happened that I got a better understanding. Out of all sins why is it sexual immorality they chose? Please don't play with this deadly sin it makes you a barbecue for the devil, if you're into this sin, I can boldly tell you that your soul is not safe, Observe it, you'd discover that

anytime you want to grow spiritually and you've started to, that is when the devil would send one of his daughters/sons to you and once you are done you feel drained and then start regretting and crying for repentance but you'd start from the beginning again.

Please learn how to abstain from it, it is not something that can happen suddenly, it is intentional, don't joke with your soul especially if you are a man of God, be very careful please be careful. The devil wants to bring you down. When talking about sexual sins, it is beyond fornication, as any sexual sin is a threat to your sanctification/holiness. We have treated (sexual sin) previously please read the PDF. But you must know that masturbation is simply having sex with demons, don't think that when you do so, you do it alone, that's not true! partaking in this sinful act you open your soul to the influence of demonic attack, this drains one Spiritual life. The issue of masturbation is one I found to be the most common among Christians and it is common to both genders, I have received several cases such as this and thank God The Lord is delivering many already. A larger percentage of born again brothers and sisters are masturbating secretly and have kept it to themselves because they feel ashamed to tell anyone because many view them as Spiritual, yet they know what they are facing secretly they want to stop but cannot because there is a firm grip on them by the demonic power of this age. It has really affected their Holy Living, though they do not like it but they keep finding themselves in the act.

Just like what apostle Paul said in **Romans 7:19 KJV** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. The most painful thing to many is when those who take them as mentors come to them for help about this sexual sins and they themselves have no idea on how to help them because they are also facing similar challenge, it can be so painful and dejecting. I pray for those who are still held under the grip of sexual immorality, The Lord will set you free in Jesus Christ name. **1 Thessalonians 4:4 KJV** That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; The Lord is saying that each of us should know how to possess our bodies in sanctification, that is, **Holiness.** God wants you and I to learn how to put our bodies under subjection which is honorable because when we do not do so we dishonor our bodies. We must learn how to do this, pertaining to his own body, everyone do not have the

same kind of emotion running in their bodies, some have high sexual libido while others don't, if you know yourself very well you will know how to control yourself, some are easily triggered by sexual thoughts by mere looking at an opposite gender who puts on a tight fitted clothes, some get aroused when they see the laps of the opposite sex, you must know what triggers you and run away from it if you must possess your body in sanctification and honour. We should not be filled with the passion of lust like the unbelievers that do not know God. This has to do with the heart, you must be careful of what you fill it with because that is also the ways of unbelievers, you should not have sexual relations with any fellow, learn to control your bodies, if we can't control our bodies then we are of no difference with those who don't have God and since we claim to have known God now, we should know that He did not call us to uncleanness but holiness**. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 KJV** For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

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