

## DEEPER LIFE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP, CANADA

### INTERACTIVE COUNSELLING/SEMINAR

#### TOPIC: TOTAL FREEDOM FROM IMMORALITY

Over the years, the human nature wants to be morally free from rules and regulations and the society is trying very assiduously to convince the church that there can be no fixed standard for morality. In contemporary times, despite the obvious and fixed consequences of immorality, men and women appear to be degenerating from **immorality** to **amorality**! While *“immorality describes someone, who knows the difference but does not care about moral standards; in order words it means to be morally wrong; amorality describe the condition of someone devoid of moral bearings”*. While some are asking today if it is still possible to be morally upright or chaste, many others are trying to figure out how to decipher if they are crossing the moral boundaries. Is there a way out of this present societal distress (1Corinthians 7:26)?

#### CATEGORIES OF IMMORALITY

According to a research conducted in 1999, it was gathered that at the age of 18 years old, 56% young women and 73% young men were no longer virgins, compared to 35% and 56% as of 1970. It further disclosed that 76% women and 80% men at age 19 years were no longer virgins, but amazingly, over 90% of both genders have lost their virginity by the time they graduated out of higher institution. Sadly, it was further revealed that for the married between the ages of 18 and 69 years, only 6.9% male and 21% females married as virgins. In a separate research, carried out on 600 Junior High School students, 91% males and 82% females were indicated to have been exposed to X-rated hard-core pornography.

SEXUAL IMMORALITY AMONGS COLLEGE MEN AND WOMEN		
PLACES WHERE THEY GOT ENGAGED IN IMMORALITY	Males	Females
Inside a car	73%	68%
Outdoors. E.g. on the field	66%	45%
Water beds E.g. Swimming pools	51	46%
Parents' houses	45%	36%
Public building. E.g. Hostels, Hotels	26%	30%
Masturbation with an opposite gender	29%	
Personal Masturbation	31%	

(Details Magazine of 1999)

SEXUAL IMMORALTIES AMONG CHURCH YOUTHS BY AGE GROUPS					
IMMORALITIES	AGES				ALL
	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	
Held hands	74%	84%	92%	95%	89%
Embracing and some kissing	39%	65%	80%	86%	73%
Heavy "French" kissing	15%	38%	61%	74%	53%
Fondling of breasts	4%	20%	41%	55%	34%
Fondling of genitals	2%	14%	30%	44%	26%
Sexual intercourse	1%	8%	18%	27%	15%

(Handbook on Counselling Youths by Josh McDowell & Bob Hostetler)

This implies that by the age of sixteen, two out of every five (41%) have engaged in (or permitted) fondling of breasts; nearly one in three (30%) have fondled genitals; about one in five (18%) have taken part in sexual intercourse and the percentage of those involved in sexual intercourse has almost increased by 50% at age eighteen. This report was for 1994, we cannot tell what the figure will be reading today! Sexual immorality is a serious problem and it will be very misleading to think that God has lessened the penalty for immorality. If it destroyed 23,000 in the wilderness (1Corinthians 10:8); brought to an end the existence of Sodom and Gomorrah and terminated the life and ministry of Samson a man of God, it can as well destroy anyone involved in the act today. It will be deceptive for anyone to take the problem of sexual immorality as a mere weakness of the flesh. **It is wickedness and evil**, no other words would describe it better (Genesis 39:9b; Psalm 51:4).

The scripture condemns all categories of immorality just to list a few:

**Masturbation:** This describes any act of tampering with one's body for sexual arousal including meeting with a dolly like a spouse, men using pillow as women, women using candle to excite themselves, fondling with your genitals in any way (Leviticus 15:16).

**Incest:** Having sex with blood relations (Leviticus 18:6-18; Deuteronomy 27:22).

**Elopement:** To get married to a lady without the parents' consent and payment of dowry (Ephesians 6:2; Exodus 20:12; Genesis 24 and 29).

**Trial marriage/Dating:** This is not founded in the Holy Bible and there it is not recommended for Christians who want to please the Lord (Romans 6:1,2).

**Prostitution:** Even though it is legalized as Commercial Sex WORKERS in some countries, it is an evil act before God (Leviticus 19:29).

**Sodomy:** Sexual relationship between two men

**Lesbianism:** Sexual relationship between two ladies.

**Adultery:** All extra-marital sexual relationship including marriage to a divorced man or woman (as long as the first partner is alive (1Corinthians 6:9; Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 6:32; Luke 16:18; Galatians 5:19; Hebrews 13:4).

**Bigamy:** Getting married to one individual while still legally married to another (Romans 7:3).

**Polygamy:** Getting married to more than one man/woman (Malachi 2:14).

**Lust and infatuation:** Looking at an opposite gender with a desire to having sexual relationship with him/her (Mathew 5:28).

**Boy/girl friendship:** In context of our worldview, this refers to any inordinate affection or love affair between a male and female that is beyond normal and ordinary friendship (Colossians 3:5).

**Fornication:** Sexual immorality between two unmarried people. It is the greatest evil that anybody can do to him/herself (Ephesians 5:3; Revelation 2:14).

**Others include:** Sexual activity with animals, having or serving as concubines, lusting after immoral pictures/pornography, kissing, hugging, caressing, romance and such like (Job 31:1; Romans 1:27-32).

### **THE CAUSES OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

There are several factors resulting in sexual immorality. This includes but not limited to: **Careless visitation** (Gen. 34:1), **Lust** (2 Samuel 13:1-2), **Exchange of gift** (Eccl. 7:7), **Seduction** (Proverbs 6:25), **Flattery** (Proverbs 6:24), **Immoral environment**. E.g. Party, closed door with the opposite gender (Romans 13: 14), **Careless and suggestive dressing** (Proverbs 7:10), **Peer pressure** (Galatians 1:10).

### **THE CONSEQUENCES OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

The consequences of sexual immorality are grave and most times irreversible even after the Lord has graciously forgiven the sinner. It ranges from (i) **The loss of innocence** (Proverbs 6:28), (ii) **Loss of virginity** -the greatest honor of a lady is to enter into the house of her husband chaste(Genesis 34:1), (iii) **Loss of respect and honor** (Proverbs 6:33), (iv) **Self guilt and condemnation** (Romans 8:1), (v) **Wounds, sicknesses and diseases** (Proverbs 6:33), (vi) **Societal Pollution with wickedness** (Leviticus 19:29; Genesis 39:7), (vii) **Reproaches** e.g. **Unwanted pregnancy, illegitimate children** (Genesis 34:1), (viii) **Loss of fellowship with God and the Holy spirit**(Judges 16:20), (ix) **Affliction and loss of spiritual strength** (Judges 16:19), (x) **Distraction and abortion of future dreams** (Proverbs 6:26a), (xi) **Destruction of destiny** and **untimely death** (Judges 16:21,31), and (xii) **Destruction of the soul and loss of heaven** (Proverbs 6:32; 1Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 5:19-21).

### **THE CURE FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

The Bible did not teach resistance to sexual immorality; rather the consistent instructive CURE prescribed in the scripture is **“to flee”** (Genesis 39:7; 1Corinthians 6:18) **and it is in the best interest of all men (and women) to follow this divine counsel for a permanent cure.** If you are into any category of sexual immorality (listed or not listed above), the only cure for you is to cut off that relationship. After you give your life to Christ, it will be wrong for you to persuade your sinning partner to give his/her life to Christ also just because you want your sinful relationship to continue. Christians are admonished to **flee from every appearance** of evil (1Thessalonians 5:22). Flee for your life because the immoral/amoral person keep hunting for the precious lives (Proverbs 6:26). Are you willing to be free from all forms of immorality? Are you ready to flee from all sexual immoralities? You can run to Jesus today and make a covenant Him (Job 31:1) and get the cure that God has offered mankind.