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THURSDAY

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Is it possible to live a life of purity in the midst of a sex saturated society? Is it possible when everyone else is doing it for you to stand and say, “No. I am sorry but the Bible says that, **“Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; (KJV) but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”** (Hebrews 13:4) Can a Christian get away with sexual immorality? We’ll talk about it today.

PART ONE

It is not easy, Beloved, to live in the society that we live in and to keep our minds and our lives pure sexually. It really isn’t because we live as I said earlier in a sex saturated society. I mean if I want to sell a car, I use sex. If I want to sell jeans I use sex. If I want to sell a fragrance I use sex; sex, sex,

sex. I mean it is so common in our society that what has happened is we have no standards, no absolutes about our sexuality. And what was once considered a sin, which is sex outside of marriage is now acceptable in our society. It's not only acceptable but it is more or less expected. When a young man and a young woman or an old man and old woman go on a date it is assumed that they're going to have sex. And Beloved, that's not the way it's to be according to the Word of God. And if you think that sex outside of marriage is alright, you have been deceived. Now this is what God wants you to understand and so in Ephesians chapter 4 where he's talking to us about our walk that continues right into chapter 5 and he's talking about a walk that is worthy of Jesus Christ. Immorality is not worthy of Jesus Christ. It's a sin for which Jesus Christ died. He's talking about not [walking in the futility of our mind as the Gentiles walk,] as the Gentiles think.

(PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 4:17b) He says, “...**You [didn't] learn Christ...this way.**” (Ephesians 4:20) You didn't learn Christ so that now that you know Him He's telling you to go out and it's alright to be immoral. He says, [“Don't let anyone deceive you.”] (PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 5:6a) [“You are to walk in love.”] (PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 5:2a) If you walk in love towards your fellow man you're not going to defraud another person and cause them to sin by having your sexual desires satisfied. This is what he says in Ephesians chapter 5 verse 3, “**But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.**” (Ephesians 5:3) Now I dealt with greed before, in the program before and I dealt with it because I want to focus on immorality today. It says, “**And there must be no filthiness and silly talk....**” (Ephesians 5:4a) Now silly talk is the kind of talk that takes something that is very innocent and twists it and perverts it and puts a sexual innuendo in it. Says, “**...There must be no filthiness [or] silly talk, or coarse jesting....**” (Ephesians 5:4a) Coarse jesting is vulgar sexual talk. It says, “**...Which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.**” (Ephesians 5:4b) This is

what’s supposed to come out of your mouth. Not these words that show in a sense what your heart is like. He says, **“For this you know with certainty....” (Ephesians 5:5a)** Now I’ve already suggested that you underline this. Also I mark every reference to “know.” I color “know” a dark green because when I think of green I think of growth. I think of life and I think of growth. So it says, **“For this you know with certainty....” (Ephesians 5:5a)** Do you know this with certainty **“...That no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater....” (Ephesians 5:5b)** and we saw that coveting is idolatry. I didn’t tell you this but Colossians also says the same thing. That greed is idolatry. It says, **“...Who is an idolater, has [any] inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you....” (Ephesians 5:5b-6a)** Don’t let anyone deceive you. **“...With empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes...[on] the sons of disobedience.” (Ephesians 5:6b)** Now the minute that you see that phrase “the sons of disobedience” what ought to come to your mind if you’ve been studying Ephesians and if you’ve read this book over and over again which is what we suggest that you do. But what it says here is don’t let anyone deceive you. You’re not to behave like the sons of disobedience. The sons of disobedience are mentioned in Ephesians chapter 2 it’s talking about what you were formerly and it says, **“In which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air...the spirit that is...working in the sons of disobedience.” (Ephesians 2:2)** All right. **“Among them we...all [too] formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh....” (Ephesians 2:3a)** We were occupied. Our whole life was lived in the lusts of the flesh, in the desires. Whatever the flesh wanted we were going to go after it and it says, **“...And of the mind....” (Ephesians 2:3b)** The lusts of the mind. That’s what pornography is. **“...And were by nature children of wrath, even as...rest.” (Ephesians 2:3c)** Now when it says “lust of the mind,” it’s not talking about just pornography. But it means that you are walking in the

desires of your mind. Now what are these people described as? They’re described as sons of disobedience. We know that if we love God and we walk in love then we walk according to His commandments. We keep His commandments. So you have a culture of people that are living in disobedience. In the midst of that culture of people that are living in disobedience is to be you who are living in obedience, who is not letting immorality be named among you, who is not talking coarsely, who is not with this filthiness or this silly talk but rather you are living righteously. Now, if you think that you can live in this culture and be a child of God and live like the culture is living. I mean move out of that distinct spot as a saint, as a set apart one and live over here with the rest of the world and still go to heaven then what he’s saying to you is this. Look, you are deceived. You are deceived. In my quiet time I’ve been reading the book of Micah. I know that that doesn’t sound very interesting and it’s probably not a lot of people’s favorite book but it’s a tremendous book. It’s a book about a prophet speaking up and warning people that God is going to judge them and if they don’t obey they’re going to go into captivity. Well in the book of Micah and I would like you to go there if you have your Bible and it’s a good exercise because he’s not easy to find. But he’s in the Old Testament and after Amos then there comes Obadiah and Jonah and then Micah. And I want you to look at Micah and I would suggest that you write this in the margin of your Bible but Micah 2:10. And I was just reading through Micah the other day and God just put this together with Ephesians. In Micah 2:10 it says, **“Arise and go, for this is no place of rest....” (Micah 2:10a)** Why is there no place of rest? **“...Because of the uncleanness that brings...destruction, a painful destruction.” (Micah 2:10b)** In other words get out of this environment because it’s not a place of rest because uncleanness brings destruction and uncleanness brings the judgment of God. You and I have been made clean as Ephesians 5 is going to tell us through the washing of the water of God’s Word. We are not to live with this impurity. We are not

to live with this filthiness. As a matter of fact I want you to go to 1 Corinthians chapter 6, 1 Corinthians chapter 6. And in 1 Corinthians chapter 6 he tells us this in verse 9, “**...Do you not know...,**” do you not know, “**...that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God....**” (1 Corinthians 6:9a) Now this is what he just said. PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 5:6a) in Ephesians 5. You’re not going to inherit the kingdom of Christ. This isn’t the lifestyle of those that really belong to Him. So he said, “**...Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived....**” (1 Corinthians 6:9a) Once again it is do not be deceived. And see it is so important that your mind is according to the Word of God. The purpose of this program is to present to you in the Word of God the precepts of life. For you to look at those precepts of life and to be renewed in your mind so that you understand that this is truth and if it doesn’t line up with this it is wrong and it is a lie. So he goes on to say, “**...Do not be deceived....**” (1 Corinthians 6:9b) Now what does he not want you to be deceived about? “**...Neither fornicators....**” (1 Corinthians 6:9b) A fornicator is anybody that’s having sex outside of marriage in any form. It may be incest. It may be with adults, you know, any kind of sex outside of marriage. “**...Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate....**” (1 Corinthians 6:9b) Effeminate would be like a cross dresser. “**...Nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor...covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.**” (1 Corinthians 6:9b-10) He says, “**...Do not be deceived....**” (1 Corinthians 6:9b) If this is your lifestyle even though you call yourself a Christian, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re fornicating and that’s your lifestyle, if you call your self a Christian and you’re an idolater and that’s greed, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re an adulterer, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re effeminate, you’re cross dressing, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re a homosexual, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re a thief, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re

covetous, you’ve got to have more, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re drunk, if you call yourself a Christian and you revile and revile means you just have this horrible nasty words coming out and you hate people, if you call yourself a Christian and you’re a swindler don’t be deceived, you’re not going to inherit the kingdom of God. You say, “Is there any hope?” Yeah, we’ll talk about it right after this announcement but listen, Beloved. Don’t miss what I have to say. It’s a matter of life and death. It’s a matter of heaven and hell. It’s a matter of destruction or it’s a matter of deliverance.

PART TWO

O Beloved, Beloved, do you see how important it is that you know what the Word of God has to say? Because there are many in the church today that would say, “Look, you know, that lifestyle really isn’t good.” But they wouldn’t challenge you on your salvation and what God is doing is He is saying don’t be deceived. If this is your lifestyle, if this is the habit of your life, if this is your character: immorality and drunkenness and reviling and homosexuality and fornicating, if this is your lifestyle don’t be deceived. You are not going to inherit the kingdom of God. And to inherit the kingdom of God means you’re not going to go to heaven. It means that you are going to perish. So let’s look at it. Let’s go back to 1 Corinthians chapter 6 because there’s something that is so important there and is so encouraging and you have to understand it. 1 Corinthians chapter 6. Now remember he says, [“Do not be deceived. The unrighteous are not going to inherit the kingdom of God”] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10) But then he says in verse 11, **“Such were some of you...;”** such were some of you, **“...but you were washed....” (1 Corinthians 6:11a)** You were washed. You were made clean. How were you made clean? How were you washed? You were washed by the blood of the lamb. You were made clean. You were made a

brand new creature. “...**But you were washed...you were sanctified....**” (1 **Corinthians 6:11b**) Sanctified means you were set apart. It says, “...**But you were justified....**” (1 **Corinthians 6:11b**) Justified means you were declared righteous. You old sinner. You were declared righteous, “...**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.**” (1 **Corinthians 6:11c**) Because Jesus died for you and you believed it, you’re declared righteous. You are acquitted. You are not guilty. You are able to walk out of the court room a free man and a new creature. And it’s in the name of Jesus Christ and it’s by the Spirit of our God because when the Holy Spirit comes inside of your body as 1 Corinthians chapter 6 1 Corinthians 6:19 says, [your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who’s from God and you’re not your own.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 6:19) You’ve been bought with a price therefore what? Glorify God in your body and in your spirit and Precious One, listen to me. If you’re a fornicator as he says, if you’re an idolater, if you’re an adulterer, if you’re an effeminate, if you’re a cross dresser, if you’re a homosexual, if you’re a thief, if you’re a covetous person, if you’re a drunkard, if you’re a reviler, if you’re a swindler you haven’t been washed yet but He wants to wash you. He wants to set you free. Now listen. We can say, “But this is the way I was born.” You can say, “But I was born a homosexual.” No, you were born a sinner and homosexuality is a sin. It’s just like you were born a sinner. You’re not born an adulterer. Adultery is a sin. You were born a sinner. You’re not born a coveter. You’re born a sinner and one of the avenues that sin takes is covetousness. You’re a sinner. These are sins. They are not lifestyles. They are sins and if they’re sins then God is saying to you listen, you can’t have those sins in your life and think that you are going to go to heaven. But I will wash you. I will set you apart. I will justify you. I will declare you righteous. You say, “How?” He will do that if you will simply come to Him and say, “God, I see that this is a sin. Sin is the bent of my life and it takes all these different forms in different people. But God, I’m telling you I want to be set

free from my sin. I don’t want to live a life of sin. I want to be set free. I don’t want to be a slave of sin. And I know that You tell me that Jesus died to pay for my sins and I’m telling You, Jesus, thank You for dying and paying for my sins and Jesus, I want You to come into my life. I want You to be my Lord, my master. I want You to take over my life. I believe that You’re God. I believe that You’re the Son of God and I want to live life for God. A life pleasing to God and so God, I’m coming to You now and I’m thanking You for forgiving my sins and I’m telling You that I want to receive Jesus. I want to receive the gift of eternal life and I accept You right now as my Lord, as my God, as my savior.” The minute that you do that, Beloved, and I mean it then you are set free. Does that mean that you will never have another desire or you’ll never be tempted to covet? No it doesn’t mean that you won’t be drawn to those things but it means this. That because you’re body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit is in you, Beloved, then you will be set free from those things. You will have the power that inherent power that Ephesians talks about that enables you to say no to sin. You will be able to resist. You say, “But, Kay, what if I don’t resist? What if I fail? What if I fall? What if I do this after I get saved?” Listen, then you confess it. You forsake it and you walk forward knowing that if we confess our sins, 1 John 1:9, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and you are forgiven and you can go on. Now he says, **“Such were some of you....” (1 Corinthians 6:11)** This will never be your lifestyle again. You may sin in those areas but it will never be your lifestyle again. So you and I have to understand this that when Christ comes in, sin’s power is broken. If it is not broken in your life then you are deceived. You are not really a child of God. I want you to go to 1 John chapter 3. It’s very important that you understand this. It says, **“No one...,”** verse 9, **“...who is born of God practices sin....” (1 John 3:9a)** Now practices sin means it’s your habit of life. It doesn’t mean you don’t sin occasionally cause in 1 John chapter 2 it says that **“...If anyone sins, we**

have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” (1 John 2:1b) But when it talks about sins there it’s talking about singular acts of sin. In 1 John 3:9 it says, **“No one who is born of God practices sin...,” (1 John 3:9a)** which means it is a habit of your life. Why does no one born of God practice sin as a habit of life? Because His seed, God’s seed, abides in Him and He cannot sin as a habit of life because he’s born of God. **“By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness...,”** as a habit of life, **“...is not of God, nor the one who does not love...,”** as a habit of life present tense in the Greek, **“...does not love his brother...this is the message which you have heard from the beginning....” (1 John 3:10-11b)** All right now, what is he saying here? That if you are truly born of God you cannot practice sin. So you and I may live in this society, may be surrounded with all this adultery. We may be bombarded on every hand and from every quarter with sex and that flaming desire to satisfy ourselves but we do not have to yield to it, Beloved. We do not have to yield because [greater is He that’s in you than he that’s in the world] (PARAPHRASE, 1 John 4:4b) and [his is the victory] 1 John 5 (PARAPHRASE, 1 John 5:4) says, [that overcomes the world our faith.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 John 5:4) So we believe God and we say, “God, because Christ is in me cause my body is Your temple and because I have Your power inside of me then this will not be my lifestyle and I will be able to resist in the evil day. This is the way that you know you’re truly born again. His seed is in you. Jesus is in you. The Father’s in you. The Holy Spirit’s in you and because they’re in you, you can not live in habitual sin. Say hallelujah and live that life of purity.