

Session 7 Study Questions

Role of Men in the Church

Man as Sexually Pure

(II Samuel 11; I Corinthians 6:12-20; 7:1)

“How could I go to my house to eat and drink and live with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing.” II Samuel 11:11

1. How would you define sexual impurity based on your study of scripture? How can a man judge whether he is sexually impure or not?
2. Do you believe men are more tempted to sexual impurity today than they were, say, 50 years ago? If so, why? If not, why not? List some reasons for your answer. Consider that few doubt that “sex” is much more open in our society today than 50 years ago.
3. To what extent has society’s openness and casualness regarding sex infiltrated the church? Can you give some examples?
4. Does the church have an influence in society regarding temptations to sexual impurity, such as pornography?

5. How do you explain Uriah's unwillingness to sleep with his wife when he returned from battle? Was his refusal wise? Was he self righteous and puritanical?

6. To what extent does Paul's suggestions regarding sexual relations in marriage in I Corinthians 7 relate to the decision made by Uriah?

7. Does Paul's suggestion that a married couple remain sexually abstinent for a season with mutual consent apply today?

8. The injunction to remain sexually pure can be found in many New Testament passages, e.g., Romans 1:24; I Corinthians 5:1, 6:18 and Ephesians 4:19. Why is this injunction mentioned so frequently?

9. Was Jesus' command to "cast our your right eye" if it causes you to look after a woman lustfully in Matthew 5:28 unreasonable? How should we apply that passage today?

10. What is the responsibility of the church for helping men to remain sexually pure?

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