

Sexual Immorality

Today television, movies and novels portray premarital sex and adulterous affairs as acceptable. Although we might not physically violate God's laws about sexual purity, few of us could say we never entertain thoughts that displease Him.

Read 2 Samuel, chapters 11 & 12

Often we excuse *inappropriate thoughts as harmless.*

What does Matthew 5:27,28 say about these "mere thoughts"?

How can reminding ourselves of our God-given roles and responsibilities aid us in our endeavor to avoid Sexual Sin? Look up: 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

How does sexual sin interfere with the relationship that Christ want us to have with Him? Look up: Genesis 3:8-10

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3,4

In your life, what form does sexual temptation usually take? How does this awareness help combat the temptation?

Name at least one step you can take this week to help you avoid unnecessary sexual temptation.

When we excuse ourselves from the work that God would have us do, we run the risk of placing ourselves in troublesome situations. David excused himself from his kingly role of leading his army into battle. Note the outcome.

We must stop sexual sin before it progresses.

What did David do once he saw how attractive Bathsheba was?

What should he have done at that point?

When we entertain sexual thoughts it can gain a stronger hold on our minds. This is especially true for sexual temptation.

What does Philippians 4:8 say about what we should focus on?

When we give in to sexual sin, we must then be prepared for God's discipline.

Why do you think Nathan spoke to David using a parable? (2 Samuel 12:1-9)

What was David's response? (2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51)

Why does God discipline us when we begin to fall into temptation? Look up: Hebrews 12: 4-8

Often sexual temptation becomes an area that we are unable to escape on our own.

What does God say He will do on behalf of those who want to escape temptation? Look up: 1 Corinthians 10:13

The nature of sin is that it leads to further sin. Sexual sin is no different.

Once David realized Bathsheba was pregnant, what other sins did he commit? Look up: 2 Samuel 11:6-24

What did Nathan say the consequences of David's adultery would be? Look up: 2 Samuel 12:10-14

What are some of the possible consequences of sexual immorality or sexual sin?

What then must we do to receive the Lord's forgiveness of our sins? Look up: 1 John 1:9

Why did David trust that God would forgive him? Look up: Psalm 51:1

What did David believe would result from his confession? Look up: Psalm 51:7-15

How did David believe God would use him once he was clean again? Look up: Psalm 51:10-14

What does this say about how we should allow to guilt to work in our lives?

The Lord is eager to forgive us, and He wants to use our experiences to help others.