

Flee Fornication

Int.

1. Aim: To show why we should flee from fornication !
2. 1 Cor. 6:18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."
 - a. Flee = to run away from danger or evil
 - i. II Pet. 2:14 "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin;"
 - ii. Sought opportunity to sin
 - b. Fornication - all sexual deviation - NKJV "flee sexual immorality"
3. Many people today are committing this sin and encouraging others to do the same.
 - a. Illustration - Maine School to offer Contraceptives
 - b. Illustration - Co-habitation
 - c. Internet influence
4. God tells us to run away from this sin. "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body." NKJV

Discussion

I. WHY Should we flee ?

- A. HURTS Physically
 1. 1 Cor. 6:18 "...sinneth against his own body."
 2. STD = Immorality defiles the body
 3. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 6:19
 4. Hospitals have people suffering from these diseases = aids, VD
 5. Often babies are born with deformities

B. HURTS Emotionally

1. Not true love
2. 1 Cor. 13:4-8 "doth not behave itself unseemly" - "Seeketh not her own"
3. True love will not ask or desire the one they love to commit sin !
4. Fornication does not cause love, it interrupts or hinders the emotion of love
5. Lust is not love
6. Lust hurts emotionally - [fornication is from lust]

C. HURTS Spiritually

1. Fornicators cannot be in heaven
 - a. 1 Cor. 6:9 "shall not inherit the kingdom of God"
 - b. Gal. 5:19-21 "shall not inherit the kingdom of God"
 - c. Eph. 5:5 No whoremonger "hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.."
 - d. Rev. 21:8 "shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"
2. Hell is a place of flaming fire, unquenchable thirst, evil people, constant pain, regret where people want to leave.
3. God tells us to flee fornication because He knows it will hurt us SPIRITUALLY !!

II. HOW ? How do we flee

A. Self Control

1. You are the only one who can control you
2. Ps. 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."
3. Parents discipline their children - purpose is to teach self control.
4. Parents and friends cannot control you ! Only you can control yourself.
5. 1 Cor. 9:27 NKJV "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."

Discipline = subdue one's passions

B. Look to the Future

1. Heb. 11:24-26
2. Moses did not enjoy the pleasures of sin
 - a. He looked to the future
 - b. Recompense of reward = payment for righteous living
3. Wages of sin = death - Rom. 6:23

III. EXAMPLES that Teach us

A. David

1. II Sam. 11
2. Saw - asked - took - sinned
3. Results - hurt for the rest of his life
4. He should have fled

B. Joseph

1. Gen. 39
2. Opportunity was present to commit fornication
3. He had a choice to make
 - a. Sin
 - b. Flee
4. He had to make a fast decision - but he had already thought about what he would do because she had tempted him earlier.
5. He never regretted fleeing

C. Jesus

1. Heb. 4:15 "...in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."
2. No example given - but we know he was tempted.
3. What did he do? He fled !
4. 1 Pet. 2:21-22 = an example for us to follow

CONCLUSION

1. This advice applies to all
 - a. Unmarried - wait till marriage - I I Tim. 2:22 "Flee youthful lusts"
 - b. Married - be faithful to your vows - Matt. 19:5 - leave and cleave
 2. 1 Cor. 7:1-2 "...to avoid fornication"
 3. Heb. 13:4
 4. The pure in heart will see God - Matt. 5:8
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