



Recognizing the Culture's "Sex Script"

"No one remains pure by accident."

- Chuck Swindoll

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (NIV)

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Refuse to live unscripted:

1. "It's my body!" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

2. We plan on getting married! (Hebrews 13:4)

- Sex was designed by God as an expression of intimate oneness in body that matches a couple's commitment to oneness in purpose and direction in life.

3. "I have already messed up so it really doesn't matter anymore!" (John 8:3-11)

4. "Sex is just a natural function of life like eating or sleeping!" (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)

- Control increases the enjoyment of any natural function.

- Don't be defined by your desire. (Romans 13:14; Romans 8:13)

5. "What I am doing doesn't hurt anybody else so what's the big deal!"

- Sexual sin is Satan's easiest way to shame us. (John 10:10)

- Satan has no desire in bringing you mere sexual pleasure but to use immorality as a tool to enslave you.

- Pornography is harmful because it is extremely addictive, kills love and intimacy in marriage, and is inseparably linked to sex trafficking.

- There is always a high cost to sexual immorality. (1 Thessalonians 4:6; Deuteronomy 31:17; Deuteronomy 28:32; Matthew 18:5-7)

- You can't be filled with the Holy Spirit and filled with sin.

Job 11:13-16 (NIV)

"Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, ¹⁴if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, ¹⁵then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear. ¹⁶You will surely forget your trouble, recalling it only as waters gone by.