
CHARLES AGYINASARE

A black and white photograph showing the silhouette of a man and a woman in a romantic embrace, kissing. They are positioned in front of a large, multi-tiered fountain with many water jets spraying upwards. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the fountain's water, which creates a bright, hazy background. The couple's dark forms are clearly visible against this lighter background.

**DEALING WITH
SEX, LUST, LOVE
& SEXUAL SINS**

CHARLES AGYINASARE

**DEALING WITH
SEX, LUST, LOVE
& SEXUAL SINS**

**DEALING WITH
SEX, LUST,
LOVE &
SEXUAL SINS**

CHARLES AGYINASARE

Copyright © 2005 Charles Agyinasare

2nd Edition 2014

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be used or reproduced in any form or by any means, or stored in a data base or retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means without prior written permission, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews

All scripture quotations are from the King James Version of the Holy Bible except otherwise indicated.

Design & Typesetting
Bernard Selasi Kodjo
+233 244 262002

ISBN: 9988-7875-1-2



BISHOP CHARLES & REV. MRS. VIVIAN AGYINASARE

Contents

[Dedication](#)

[Preface](#)

CHAPTER ONE

[Lust](#)

CHAPTER TWO

[Sexual Sins](#)

CHAPTER THREE

[Sex Sins Are Worse Than Other Sins](#)

CHAPTER FOUR

[Fire Will Burn You](#)

CHAPTER FIVE

[How To Quench The Fire](#)

CHAPTER SIX

[True Love Is Decent](#)

[Conclusion](#)

[About The Author](#)

[Other Books From The Author](#)

WATCH BISHOP ON TV

Watch Bishop Charles Agyinasare on Precious TV (PTV) 24/7 by rescanning your Multi TV, Strong or free-to-air decoder and select Precious TV. You can also access it by going to www.perezchapel.org and Webstreaming.

Dedication

I was privileged to preach in a certain country. A leader approached me and said “*Bishop, I have been suspended publicly three times due to sexual sins. However, I do not know what to do so help me.*” I ministered to him and later received a letter from him testifying of the victory he had received in his life.

I dedicate this book to all those struggling to deal with this problem in their lives.

Preface

Lust has destroyed many lives in its various forms; some have clung on to power and have been disgraced through the lust of power and fame. Others have plunged their countries into civil war because of the same problem. Others have been whipped and are being whipped with preventable diseases through the lust for food. The lust for money has also led others into all kinds of atrocities.

Many have achieved the heights that they dreamed of, only to be scandalized with sexual sin, like King David and Bathsheba, former President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, Samson and Delilah etc. Many families are broken up and undermined due to this temptation.

Worst of all sexual lust has put our generation at risk. The continent of Africa for example has been scorched with the devastating spread of HIV/AIDS as a result of sexual sin. In some countries a whole generation of youth is being wiped out.

This crisis calls for an effective and lasting panacea. Secular people have done their best but it is not dealing with it. The answer is in the word of God.

It is with the burden of the above that I feel called to help fight this menace. One of the weapons to help fight this war is this book. Get your own copy, read it slowly whilst taking notes. Keep it in your pocket, purse, briefcase and bedside for quick reference.

Note: All the cautions and examples in this book are not fictitious but things that I have encountered in counselling multitudes during my 30 years of full time pastoral ministry.

Get copies for your friends so we can deal with this devourer of our generation.

CHAPTER ONE

Lust

Psalm 12:8 ***“When what is vile is exalted the wicked walk about.”*** (NIV)

7 THINGS THAT UNVEIL LUST

Jas.1:14-15 ***“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”*** KJV.

1. Sin hardly happens suddenly, but always goes through an incubation period.
2. It is the small foxes (plunderers of ripe grapes and destructive to vineyards) that spoil the vine. Songs 2:15 ***“Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.”***
3. 100% of man’s problems come out of lust. (Lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, or the pride of life) 1 John 2:16 ***“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”*** 2 Pet.1:4 ***“...having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”***

Lust starts as a seed, is conceived as an evil desire and gives birth to sin.

4. Lust starts as a seed and graduates to evil desire which brings forth sin and it matures into death.
5. Just as pregnancy in the first month does not show any difference, so is lust. As it grows it changes, and then the baby gets born.
6. Lust is introduced through sight, hearing, touch, smell etc.
7. Watching pornography at the time seems harmless but as time passes it matures. A great man of God in 1987 got involved in a sexual scandal and when asked how it all started, he described that at the age of nine, he had access to pornographic pictures and movies. The pictures were “burnt” on the hard drive of his memory and the Devil never accessed it until he was a big man 40 plus years later. After so many years this seed manifested

itself.

6 THINGS THAT EXPLAIN LUST

1. i. A strong desire of any kind.
 - ii. It is used more frequently in a bad sense.
 - iii. It is used for one who desires, longs and craves for something.
 - iv. It is to desire greatly or have a strong desire.
 - v. It is an eagerness to obtain or to have a morbid appetite.
1. It comes from the Greek word *epithumia*.
 - i. It is used for good desires only five times in the New Testament. Luke 22:15 ***“And he said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer:”*** Phil. 1:23 ***“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart ...”***
1 Thess. 2:17 ***“But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.”***

Lust starts as a seed, is conceived as an evil desire and gives birth to sin.

- Rom. 1:11 ***“For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;”***
- Mark 11:24 ***“Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”***
- ii. There is a good desire and a bad desire.
 1. Lust is not only natural but there is the spirit of lust.
 - i. It troubled Israel in the wilderness. Num. 11:4 ***“And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?”***
 - ii. It strives to defile you and sets you up for the destruction of God. Ps.78:30-31 ***“They were not estranged from their lust. But while their***

meat was yet in their mouths, The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.”

1. Lust is any strong desire outside the will of God. It is not only sexual. James 1:13-15 ***“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”***

- i. Lust always says that this is the last time but it never works.
- ii. Lust is there to destroy you.

1. Lust produces temptation.

- i. God does not tempt anyone.
- ii. James 1:13. When tempted, your flesh applies pressure to get you to do something against the will of God.
- iii. James 1:14. Every man is tempted when he is DRAWN AWAY
 - a. Don't be drawn away by lust.
 - b. It happens a lot with something you like or used to like.
 - c. The Devil will mostly take from your past an area that caused you trouble to tempt you.
 - d. To get you against what God wants you to do.
 - e. When you are drawn away then you are ENTICED
- i. James 1:15 Lust conceives when you conceive it and it brings forth death as a result of sin which destroys.
- ii. A temptation is designed for you to sin and harden your heart against the Spirit of the Lord.
- iii. God delivers from temptation. 1 Pet. 2:9 ***“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”***

1. A wile is a scheme that is hidden to lead you into deception.

- i. It is not as obvious as a temptation.
- ii. It covers lust by deceiving you to think the following.
 - a. You can be a hearer and not a doer of the word. James 1:22 ***“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”***
 - b. You have no sin. 1 John 1:8 ***“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”***
 - c. You are something when you are not. Gal. 6:3 ***“For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”***
 - d. You are wise with the wisdom of the world.
 - e. Make you keep an unbridled tongue. James 1:26 ***“If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain.”***
 - f. You can sow evil thoughts and not reap sin. Gal. 6:7-8 ***“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”***
 - g. That the unrighteous can inherit the kingdom of God. 1Cor.6:9 ***“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,”***
 - h. That sin will not affect them.
1 Cor. 15:33 ***“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”***
 - i. You can sin, live and have no remorse for sin and still be in the faith. 1 Tim. 4:1-3 ***“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.”***

11 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD DESIRES

1. There are God-given desires and man-created desires.
2. Wanting to eat food is a good desire, so is the thirst for water. Wanting to

have sex with your spouse is also a good desire.

3. God will give you the desires of your heart.
4. However lust is a desire that is never fulfilled, it can never be quenched, and it never gets satisfied.
5. Lust goes on until it becomes lasciviousness (uncontrolled) and then goes on till it becomes an addiction.
6. It is never enough and comes from hell.
7. Lust can never say No and mean it or stick to it.
8.
 - i. The fire of desire never gets satisfied.
 - i. It is compared to Prov. 30:16 “... ***the barren womb, the earth that is not satisfied with water, and the fire that says not it is enough.***” (AMP)
 - i. Just as fire can perpetually take in wood, so is lust. It takes until you have nothing left.
 - ii. Paul points out that it would be better for one to marry than to burn (sexually). 1 Cor. 7:2 “***Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.***”
1. The grave never has enough people.

Prov. 30:15-16 “... ***There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.***”
2. When your desire for wealth turns into greed it is lust.
 1. Desiring outside God’s will is also lust. Isaiah 14:12-14 “***How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.***”
 - i. Satan used to be the anointed cherub and had music created in himself, he was an archangel in charge of praise and worship.

- i. Gradually he started noticing God's throne, something that was not in his line.

11 THINGS ABOUT CARNAL DESIRES VRS. NATURAL DESIRES

1. Natural desires are God-given. If you pervert natural desires to lust, it is carnality.
Rom. 1:26 ***"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:"***
2. Lust is from you, not God-given.
3. Lust changes the truth of God into a lie. It makes one reprobate with time convincing the mind that what is wrong is good.

Lust in any form is not good. It changes the truth of God into a lie.

4. Natural desire, like food, is to help you to nourish the body though it is enjoyable. Gen 2:8 ***"And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed."*** Gen. 16:12 ***"And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."***
5. The fruits of all the trees in Eden were to be eaten except one. The Devil promised they would become gods if they ate of that one.
6. They were already gods, they knew good and evil. Gen. 3:6 ***"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."***
 - i. To change a desire, you have to starve it or go on a fast.
 - ii. If you can win in the area of food, you can say NO to sex.
1. Gen. 3:5 ***"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."***

- i. All the trees were good for food but why take the one they were not supposed to eat?
 - ii. They thought it was greener on the other side.
1. Don't entertain anything outside the will of God. Don't focus on anything outside the focus of God's word.
 2. When you are saved, you don't miss anything in the world. The folks in the bars and joints are a bunch of people searching for something but in the wrong places.
 3. 1 John 2:15 ***"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*** The world here means "the system of operation of the world."
 4. When lust comes a person becomes selfish, and gets what he wants even at the expense of the other party.

WORKS OF THE FLESH

1. The flesh is the manifestation of these works Gal. 5:19-21 ***"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."***
2. According to the above scripture, there are three categories of the works of the flesh (sins).
 - i. Sexual sins: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness
 - ii. Spiritual sins: Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.
 - iii. Social sins: Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like.

3 TYPES OF FLESHLY THINGS

1. The fleshly mind - Col. 2:18 ***"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind"***, Rom. 8:5-7 ***"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the***

flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

2. *Fleshly wisdom Rom. 8:5-7 "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."*
3. *Fleshly lusts*
 - i. *We all used to walk in the flesh before salvation. Eph. 2:1-3 "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."*
 - ii. *If you have Jesus in your heart, you are not in the flesh. Rom. 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."*
 - iii. *Don't walk in the flesh. Rom. 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Gal. 5:16 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."*
 - iv. *Fleshly people cannot please God.
Rom. 8:8 "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*
 - v. *It brings death. Rom 8:13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."*
 - vi. *The flesh has no good thing. Rom. 7:18 "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." Gen. 6:5 "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."*
 - vii. *The flesh fights against the Spirit.*

Gal. 5:17 ***“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”***

- viii. Put no confidence in the flesh. Phil. 3:3 ***“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”***
- ix. Don’t allow the flesh to have its way.
Rom. 13:14 ***“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”***

6 THINGS THAT SHOW THE GENESIS AND PROGRESSION OF LUST

**Whatever you give attention to, you
begin to desire.**

1. The Devil is a liar.
Gen. 3:4 ***“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:”***
Gen. 2:17 ***“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*** This is what God said.
2. The Devil drew Eve away by injecting thoughts of her desire. V 5 ***“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil”.***
3. When Eve “saw,” she yielded her eyes, desired and she took and ate. V 6 ***“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”***
4. The things the eyes desire have no profit. Eccl. 2:10-11 ***“And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.”***

- a. Whatever you attend to is what you will desire.
 - b. What you give your attention to, you will desire.
 - c. The man has the responsibility to put checks when the family is being drawn away. The husband is to guard his household and keep out intruders.
1. Do not give your attention to anything out of the will of God.
 2. Don't be drawn away from the word of God by lust.

THE ROOT OF SIN IS LUST

1. The root of sin is lust.
2. Lustful thoughts are injected by the Devil to draw you away from the will of God.
3. Eph. 2:3 ***“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”*** We all had lusts of the flesh.
4. The fleshly desires you have are composed of fleshly thoughts.
5. Satan's most powerful tool is the power of SUGGESTION and he will try to use your past desires.
6. The mind is the battle ground. 2 Cor. 10:3-6 ***“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”***
7. The Devil tried to make Jesus doubt the word of God by whispering to him ***“If you be the son of God”*** after he had heard God say that day ***“This is my beloved son.”*** Matt. 3:17
8. Your salvation did not eliminate all your old thoughts and attitudes.
9. It takes the word to change your attitude.
10. The Devil only wants you to think about it not to do it today. 1 Peter 5:8-9 ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist***

steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

11. The Devil cannot devour everyone but only those who yield to him.
12. James 4:7 ***“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*** Dont get close to anything you have a low resistant level for

10 THINGS TO HELP YOU BUILD A DEFENCE AGAINST LUST

Defence means withstanding and fighting.

1. Resistance should start before sin is born.
2. Learn to do the PREVENTIVE.
3. Prevent sin by pulling down the strongholds of the Devil. This is in the mind. Thoughts developed in a person’s mind also become strongholds.
4. Thoughts produce imagination (images)
5. When you are pulling down strongholds you go through inner battles (it is like withdrawal symptoms).
6. The story of the good angel (who always whispers to you to do the right thing) and the bad angel (who always shouts in your ear to do the bad) on the sides of your head.
7. Because you heard the word, Satan will tempt you more.
8. Speak the word of God to the situation. “It is written” is always powerful.
9. Check your appetite. If the Devil cannot kill you from sickness, he would kill you with wrong eating and bad food.
10. Say NO to wrong eating. The thoughts come in by what you say. Luke 21:34. ***“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.”***

CHAPTER TWO

Sexual Sins

6 THINGS ABOUT SEXUAL SINS

1. Both married and unmarried people face sexual temptations. A young man approached an 83 year old man sitting in his rocking chair and asked, *“Papa at what age did you stop desiring the opposite sex?”* The elderly man replied with a stern face *“Go look for someone older than I am”*.
2. Sexual sin is an unlawful or immoral sexual act. It is sex outside marriage. Historians say the Roman Empire was rotten with these sins. According to Desmondes; *“We keep mistresses for pleasure, concubines for the day to day needs of the body, wives to produce children legitimately.”* Sennercharites writes that *“Roman women are married to be divorced and divorced to be remarried; innocence is not just rare, but non-existent. The greater the infamy (notoriety, abnormality) the greater the delight.”*
3. Sex affects the whole personality. Prof. Dwight Hervey Small of Wheaton College says *“Sexual interaction is an act which affects the whole personality, a personal encounter between a man and a woman in the depths of their beings, which does something permanent to each, for good or for ill as a general indulgence, the effect of which does not pass with the act.”*
4. Sex involves the whole being. Howard and Charlotte Chinebell write, *“Intimacy is more than the bringing together of sexual organs, more than arousal of both partners or the fulfillment in orgasm. It is the experience of sharing and self abandon in merging of two persons, expressed by the biblical phrase ‘to become one flesh’*
 - i. When a man marries a woman, after sometime people say they resemble each other. This is due to the uniting of their souls and the transference of spirits.
 - ii. It is difficult to forget those you have had sex with.
 - iii. Sex is the window to the soul.
- a. When Shechem slept with Dinah his soul clave to her. Gen. 34:1-3 ***“And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor***

the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel." Underlining mine.

- b. Solomon clave unto the women he slept with. 1 Kings 11:2 ***"Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love."*** Underlining mine.
 - c. Some get so attached to their former sexual partners such that after marriage when they are having sex with their spouses, they think of their former sexual partners.
- 1. It is a violation of the seventh commandment. Ex. 20:14 "Thou shall not commit adultery (sexual sin)" Brackets mine.
 - 2. God forbids sexual sins. Acts 5:19-20 ***"Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."***

3 PROOFS THAT SEX IS NOT THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT

Discussing the subject of sex (which is called lovemaking in marriage) makes a lot of people uncomfortable but it is a very indispensable and an integral part in marital life.

1. THE DARK AGES

This attitude/approach was induced and passed on when the Early Church entered the Dark Age.

- i. The Dark Age refers to the period when the apostles and Early Church fathers had died and gone to heaven and the church left the light of the scriptures into the traditions of men and rituals.
- ii. By AD 1400, the Church had brought out certain religious attitudes towards sex and there were a lot of do's and don'ts about sex.
 - a. It was said that on Thursdays, one could not have sex with his or her partner because it was the day of the arrest of Jesus.
 - b. Friday, was also holy because the death of Jesus was to be honoured.

- c. On Saturday in honour of the Virgin Mary, couples were refrained from having intercourse.

God gave sex to be enjoyed but only in marriage.

- d. In honour of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, couples could not have sex on Sundays.
 - e. Finally, in honour of the Christians who had departed into glory, sex was not permitted on Mondays.
 - f. Sex in marriage was therefore allowed only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
 - i. Because of this tradition that was passed on to the church, sex in the church became unclean and a no go area. The Victorians also claimed sex was something shocking and distasteful that husbands did and wives endured. Queen Victoria wrote to her daughter “The animal side of our nature is to me too dreadful, this has caused some to withdraw from sex with guilt and disgust, it is dirty and wrong, something to be ashamed of and not discussed openly”.
1. MARRIAGE BED UNDEFILED
- The Bible says in Heb. 13:4 ***“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge”***.
- i. The Bible states that marriage is honourable and sex in marriage is undefiled. The marriage bed translated in Greek is actually *coitus* meaning sexual intercourse.
 - ii. If you have sex with your spouse the angels and the Holy Spirit are present and they do not have a problem.
 - iii. God gave sex to married people. It was God who said, ***“It is not good for man to be alone”*** and also ***“the man shall cleave to the wife and the two shall become one flesh”***.
 - iv. He also commissioned us to be fruitful and multiply, and there’s no way you can be fruitful and multiply except through sex.
 - v. Sex in marriage is in God’s plan. God gave the bodies to be enjoyed in

marriage. 1 Cor. 7:3-5 ***“Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.”***

- vi. Sex in marriage is supposed to bring pleasure in the marriage.
- vii. Having a fulfilled sex life in marriage is pleasurable.
- viii. Unfortunately it has been said that almost 80% of married women don't enjoy sex because sex has become the demand of the man.

1. SEX IS TO BE ENJOYED

- a. **Pleasure** : the purpose of sex in marriage is to bring gratification and enjoyment to both parties. Gen. 18:12 ***“Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”***

Sarah was 90 years and Abraham was about 100 years and his body was dead, which means that he was not active sexually. Based on this fact, when she was told she could have a baby she laughed. Her laughter was not the surprise of having a child, but because sex is supposed to bring pleasure and comfort, she could not enjoy it because she and Abraham were “old”. God healed Abraham and he gave birth with Sarah and after Sarah's death, he remarried.

- b. **Comfort**: Gen. 24:67 ***“And Isaac brought her (Rebecca) into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebecca, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death”.***

Isaac was sorrowful because of his mother's death but when he married Rebecca and went to bed with her, he was comforted. This is the reason why sex should not be undertaken in a haste, for anything that is precious needs time to be undertaken.

- c. **Ravishing**: Solomon described how sex should be like.
Prov. 5:15 ***“Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.”***
Prov. 5:19 ***“... let her breasts satisfy thee at all times and be thou ravished (consumed with passion) always with her love”*** Brackets mine.

Solomon talked about the breasts of the wife satisfying the husband always, no matter how the breasts look like; the man should still enjoy them. In actual fact, the breasts of the wife do not belong to the children; after they are weaned they belong to the husband. Solomon also said, ***“Be ravished”*** interpreted “Be consumed with passion” when your wife gets naked and you see her, a lot of the times you should be excited and stirred about her body.

d. **Desire:** Gen. 3:16 ***“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee”.***

- i. Any married woman’s desire should be towards her husband.
 - ii. Sister, have a desire to sleep with your husband; there should be the passion to have sex with your husband, and the same applies to the husband.
 - iii. There should be times that you should think and fantasize with what you have to do with your wife sexually.
- a. **Brings Joy:** Solomon enjoins us in Eccl. 9:9 to: ***“Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.”***
- a. **No Holds Barred:** The bible says in 1 Cor.7:4-5 that ***“Defraud ye not one another”.***
- i. If you are a wife and you are going to bed, do not put on shorts or sleep in the living room; the same applies to the husband; No withholding sex from your partner.
 - ii. Even in a normal fast, there should be agreement, which means that if one consents to have sex, then there should be a performance.
 - iii. There is a natural responsibility to please the other and to be pleased in return.
- a. It demands we meet our spouse’s sexual needs because we both have these needs.
 - b. In marriage we cease to own our bodies anymore it belongs to our partner.

1 Cor. 7:4 ***“The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.”***

- c. Committing your body totally to your partner requires utmost trust so that one will not abuse the body of the other.

**Adultery hurts the faithful spouse, and
it is a betrayal of the marriage covenant.**

- d. One of the major ways to hurt your spouse is to withhold sex.
- e. We should not withhold ourselves from the habit of sexual intercourse in marriage lest we open our marriage up to satanic temptations.
- f. Learn to satisfy your partner sexually as a habit.
- g. Sex should be the giving and receiving of physical and emotional satisfaction.
- h. Sex should be fulfilling, positive, physically and emotionally satisfying.
 - i. The wife should not make sex the weapon of collecting things from her husband, as this is equal to prostitution.
 - ii. Don't use sex to manipulate (frustrate, reject or “pay back”) your partner. It will “turn him/her off”.
 - iii. Don't withhold sex because you are afraid that you will get pregnant, (Practice family planning). God is not against family planning. God said in 1 Tim.5:8 ***“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”*** i.e. it is wrong to have children if you cannot take care of them.

For a fuller treatise on how to enjoy sex in your marriage, get my book “Celebrating Marriage”

6 TYPES OF SEXUAL SINS

1. **Fornication:** The Greek is *Porneo* out of which comes the word pornography.

- i. It is an unlawful or immoral sexual act or prostitution.
- ii. Fornication is pre-marital sex.
- iii. In the Bible, it was said of a man who had sex with his wife that “He knew his wife” when it was not in marriage, it was said that “He lay with her”.

1. **Adultery:** The Greek is *Porneo* with the same meaning as fornication.

- i. It also means sex outside marriage.
- ii. It is an act of betrayal of the marriage covenant.
- a. It is pulling back of your commitment to the person who has your all. When a woman gives herself she is saying “I am depending on you for everything not just my sexual needs. Defend me, seed me, provide for me, comfort me and give me security.” Sex for a man demands responsibility; when he does, he is saying “I am your provider, defence, security and your everything, so be my helper and emotional support.”
- b. It perverts the spiritual truth of God’s word, the Christ and His Church.
Eph. 5:23-25 ***“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”*** Eph. 5:31-33 ***“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”***
- c. It is trying to imply that Christ and the Church would be betraying one another by finding another lover.
- d. A man with his wife demonstrates Christ and the church giving themselves completely to one another.
- i. Adultery is a very painful experience and destroys marriage.
- ii. Produces guilt which is not easy to shake off.
- iii. Brings a wound and dishonour.
Prov. 6:32-33 ***“But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and***

dishonour shall he get and his reproach will never be wiped away.”

- iv. It is sleeping with a strange woman. Prov. 5:3-6 ***“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: ⁴ But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.”***
- v. Lusting is adultery. Matt. 5:28 ***“But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”***
- vi. It attracted the death penalty in the Old Testament. Lev. 20:10 ***“And the man that committeth adultery with another man’s wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”***

**Sexual abuse from an authority figure
is the worst form of rape.**

- vii. An adulteress is like a concubine, she is not entitled to any inheritance, insurance policy etc. When the man dies she may not even be invited to his funeral.

1. Uncleaness: The Greek is *Akathasia*

- i. It means being covered with filth, moral uncleanness, and any natural pollution whether acted out by oneself or with another. Rom. 1:24,26-27 ***“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”***
- i. Masturbation: It is suggested that masturbation is uncleanness.

- ii. Masturbation is the stimulating of one's genitals manually / artificially to induce orgasm for sexual gratification.
 - a. Through counselling many men, I have discovered that a lot of men who practiced masturbation a lot in their youthful days tend to have a low sperm count in adulthood which makes it difficult for them to have children.
 - b. Some use masturbation as an escape from fornication or adultery.
 - a. Masturbation has possessed many who have made it a daily affair.
 - i. Nudism: This is the compulsion to be naked.
 - a. Some do it to strip dance in discotheques and night clubs etc.
 - b. This includes fashions that cause women to expose their vital parts.
 - c. Compulsion to expose the body to entice people to have sex with them.

1. **Lasciviousness:** The Greek is *Aselgeia* .

- i. It is not caring what others think or having no restraints.
- i. This includes rape, incest, homosexuality etc.
 - a. Rape: It is having sex with another person without their consent.
 - i. If it happens to a woman, it humbles the woman. Deut. 22:28-29 ***“If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel’s father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.”***
 - ii. If it happens to a woman, it can make her frigid in her sex life in future. If it happens to a man and he is not delivered, he becomes a rapist himself.
 - iii. If any “Shechem” has raped you, be healed of your emotional hurts in Jesus name and may the feeling of guilt that it caused you be taken away by the power in the blood of Jesus. May you be able to forgive the offender.
 - iv. Sexual abuse is a form of rape.

- v. Sexual abuse is the worst form of rape. Especially when an authority figure such as your father, mother, uncle, auntie, boss, doctor, pastor or spiritual leader etc takes advantage of you. The psychological effect of this cannot be put in this book. A lady went to see her pastor to complain to him that before she got saved she had a problem with sexual lust and needed help. The pastor seeing the vulnerability of the woman began to have a sexual affair with her. Later the lady backslided, when she was invited by their general overseer, she said “I had a problem and I ran to the house of God for refuge only to fall into the lions’ den.” The General Overseer apologized to her on behalf of the church and made her know that the house of God was not like that; the General Overseer also disciplined the said pastor, however the emotional scar had been left on the soul of this lady.
- a. Incest: It is *Chalal* in Hebrew. It refers to the defilement or the desecration of something holy.
 - i. It is sex with close relatives.
 - ii. It is mentioned 23 times in the Bible.
 - iii. The Bible says NO to this kind of sex.

Lev. 18:6-16 ***“None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father’s wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father’s nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son’s daughter, or of thy daughter’s daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. The nakedness of thy father’s wife’s daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s sister: she is thy father’s near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother’s sister: for she is thy mother’s near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son’s wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother’s wife: it is thy brother’s***

nakedness.”

- iv. Incest brings great spiritual and emotional harm to those who engage in it.

Lev. 20:11-14 ***“And the man that lieth with his father’s wife hath uncovered his father’s nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.”*** Lev. 20:17, 19-21 ***“And if a man shall take his sister, his father’s daughter, or his mother’s daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister’s nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother’s sister, nor of thy father’s sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. And if a man shall lie with his uncle’s wife, he hath uncovered his uncle’s nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. And if a man shall take his brother’s wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother’s nakedness; they shall be childless.”***

- v. Should be discouraged because it is a curse. Deut. 27:20,22-23 ***“Cursed be he that lieth with his father’s wife; because he uncovereth his father’s skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.”*** You will ask me, where did Cain get his wife? From one of his sisters. Abraham married his half sister that was before God gave command not to do that any more.

- a. Reuben slept with his father’s concubine. Gen. 35:22 ***“And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father’s concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:”***

Because Reuben slept with his father’s concubine he missed the blessing

of the firstborn.

Gen. 49:3-4 ***“Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father’s bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.”***

1 Chron. 5:1 ***“Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.”***

b. Absalom slept with his father’s concubines, he died a tragic death. 2 Sam.16:20-22 ***“Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father’s concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel.”*** 2 Sam. 12:11 ***“Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.”***

c. In the New Testament, the man who committed incest was delivered to Satan for the destruction of his flesh.

1 Cor. 5:1,5 ***“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife.***

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

Later when he repented of his sins, he was forgiven. 2 Cor. 2:6-7 ***“Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.”***

a. Prostitution: The Hebrew is also *Chalal* . This means to profane, defile, to make common and a desecration of something holy.

i. It is the selling of sex or having sex with someone for money or some

other privileges.

Homosexuality and lesbianism is not a disease. If it is, then it is the only disease punishable by eternal death.

- ii. The synonyms of a prostitute are: harlot, whore, call girl, hooker, street walker, lady of the night, lady of pleasure, scarlet woman, soiled dove or whore monger.
- iii. It is wickedness and God forbids it.
Deut 23:17 ***“There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.”***
- iv. Don’t allow your daughter to do it. Lev. 19:29 ***“Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.”***
- v. Should not be patronized. Prov. 7:25-27 ***“Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.”***
- vi. Priests were asked not to marry a prostitute in the Old Testament. Lev. 21:7 ***“They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.”***
In the New Testament, we are priests and kings; you cannot marry a prostitute who has not repented. If she has repented then she ceases to be a prostitute because she has been cleansed by the blood.
- vii. In Israel, their price was the same as for a dog. Deut. 23:18 ***“Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.”***
- viii. Solomon calls a prostitute a deep ditch. Prov. 23:27 ***“For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.”***

- ix. The scriptures frown on the attire (seductive clothing) of a harlot. Prov.7:10 ***“And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart.”***
- x. Those who use prostitutes become poor. Prov. 29:3 ***“Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.”***
- xi. They shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Eph. 5:5 ***“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”***
- xii. Hell is their inheritance. Rev. 21:8 ***“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”***
Rev. 22:15 ***“For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”***

1. Homosexuality / Lesbianism

It is *Toevah* in Hebrew. It is used for something morally disgusting or an abomination, something detestable and to be rejected. This is the development of unnatural affection towards people of the same sex.

- i. It is not being trapped into the wrong body or being made that way by God. God made female and male.
- i. It is not a disease.
If it is a disease, then it is the only one punishable by God with eternal death. Rom. 1:32 ***“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”***
- ii. It is a choice.
- iii. It is inordinate affection. Rom. 1:31 ***“Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:”***
- iv. God gives them up to their depravity. Rom. 1:26 ***“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:”***
- v. It is an abomination. Lev. 18:22 ***“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as***

with womankind: it is abomination.”

- vi. It brings disinheritance from God’s kingdom. 1 Cor. 6:9 ***“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,”***
- vii. It is a threat to the foundation of ordered society.
- viii. It is sleeping with strange flesh.
 - Jude 1:7 ***“Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire”.***
- ix. Denies one of the primary purposes of sex which is procreation. Gen.1:28 ***“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”***
- x. It is contrary to sound doctrine.
 - 1 Tim. 1:9-10 ***“Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;”***
- xi. God hates it. Lev.18:22, 24-25 ***“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.”***
- xii. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of this. Jude 7 ***“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”***
- xiii. Many homosexuals have destroyed their sphincter muscle so that they are no longer able to control their rectal muscles.
- xiv. Many lesbians, when they get married to men, later do not have sexual fulfillment in the marriage.

- xv. Homosexuality / Lesbianism comes from a resolve of the mind, stimulated through fantasy and usually accompanied by masturbation and the use of pornographic material.

1. **Bestiality**

This is *Tebel* in Hebrew, meaning something which is unnatural, confusion or an abomination.

- i. It is having sex with animals.
- ii. It is confusion. Lev. 18:23 ***“Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.”***
- iii. God condemns it. Lev. 20:16 ***“And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”***

3 THINGS TO WATCH ABOUT THE STRANGE WOMAN

Prov. 23:27 ***“For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.”***

A “strange woman” refers to any person, man or woman (depending on the context), who will cause you to fall into sexual sin you never planned to get into.

1. If you are a woman and it happened that you fell into sexual sin and lost your virginity; and you did not realize what you were getting into, either because you were drugged or made to take alcohol unknowingly or raped etc., the person who did it to you is your “strange woman” or preferably “strange man”.
2. If you are a man and you got into sexual sin before realizing this is what you have done, you have met your “strange woman” but this happens only two percent of the time. A young man with a promising ministry impregnated a lady and with tears in his eyes confessed to his pastor, *“I did not know what happened. This lady was just my friend and she invited me home to visit with her. After she had served a meal and we had eaten, we sat on their porch or veranda till about 9.00pm. Her parents and siblings were in the house so I felt a false sense of security. Before I realized, we were having sex and kissing one another. I could not restrain myself. Worst of all, I don’t love the girl, she is not my fiancée, and I don’t even find her attractive. I feel so bitter towards her I cannot marry her...”*

Truly they had a child together and after four years the guy went ahead and married another girl.

3. Don't be naive. Dr. Lester Sumrall said *"Many pastors don't know that out of a church of 500 people, there are at least 20 women who would give their souls to sleep with their pastor."*
 - i. There are people who are just out to entice you sexually either in church or out of church. I know a pastor (we can call Pastor X) who heard the testimony of a so called repented prostitute, of how she used to sleep with so many men a day. Immediately a spirit of lust was released into this pastor who thought "What a wonderful sexual partner this lady would be in marriage!" When they went to see this pastor X's pastor, he sensed the relationship was to destroy the ministry of this young pastor. After much counselling for him to suspend this relationship, pastor X insisted. He got married and the lady began to demand sex everyday and most of the time multiple times a day. Pastor X lost his ability to fast and pray, after a while the lady quit attending church after four years of marriage. With so many problems, the lady divorced Pastor X.
 - ii. There are people who do not know they are leading you into temptation by their attention, dressing etc. However don't be taken unawares.
 - iii. Beware of any woman (who is not your spouse) who sees nothing wrong with exposing her body, breasts, thighs or vital parts to you.
 - iv. Beware of Christians who have a history of yielding to sexual sin now that they are saved. Prov. 7:26 ***"...many strong men have been slain by her..."***
 - a. Some people go out to "floor" strong men / people making an impact or those who have a promising future e.g. preachers, singers, business tycoons, politicians etc.
 - b. Don't forget every Bill Clinton has his Monica Lewinsky.
 - c. They have a lot of schemes, so watch out. Eccl. 7:26 ***"And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her."***
 - i. They are always roaming. Prov. 7:11 ***"A strange woman is stubborn and her feet abide not in her home."***

Good women don't roam about but manage their home. 1 Tim. 5:14 ***"I will***

therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide (manage) the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. Brackets mine.

- ii. Strange women make the first move towards sex. Prov. 7:13 ***“So she caught him and kissed him...”***
- iii. Strange women have no reservations or shyness. Prov. 7:13 ***“...she kissed him with an impudent face”***
- iv. Strange women can be bold and aggressive. Do not discuss intimate things with them.
- v. She uses marriage as a cover up for her lust. Prov. 7:19 ***“My husband is not at home, he is gone away on a long journey”*** (Good News Bible)
 - a. Their marriage does not mean anything to them.
 - b. They say “Since we are married, no one will suspect me when I sleep with you”
- i. Religion is also a cover up for them. Prov.7:14 ***“...I have peace offerings with me... I have paid my vows”***
 - a. They behave very spiritually; pay their tithes, involved in praise and worship etc.
 - b. They pretend to be very committed, when you ask them *“But what you are doing and the word of God are contrary,”* they respond *“It is just the word, real life is different”*
- i. There are times they even say *“Even though you are married I still need your child to remind me of you”* . If they are false apostles/prophet or charlatans and you are looking for a child, they tell you *“I saw in a vision an angel say I am the only one who can sleep with you and give you a child”* etc.

CHAPTER THREE

Sex Sins Are Worse Than Other Sins

7 REASONS WHY SEXUAL SINS ARE GRAVER THAN OTHER SINS

Gal. 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

1. Sexual sins are the first set of the works of the flesh. Gal. 5:19
2. Sexual sins concern your eternal destiny Gal. 5:21, 1 Cor. 6:9 ***“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,”***
3. Sexual sins are graver than other sins. Not all sins are the same.
 - i. Scratches are not equal to severe wounds.
 - ii. Stealing chocolates is not equal to cheating people out of their savings or armed robbery.
 - iii. There are graduations of sin -
 - a. An unrepentant city will receive more punishment than Sodom and Gomorrah. Matt. 10:14-15 ***“And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.”***
 - b. The slave who knew what the Master wanted and did not do it is beaten more severely than the one who did not know. Luke 12:47-48 ***“And that servant, which knew his lord’s will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be***

much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

- c. Calvin described private and public sins; light and grave sins, faults and shameful acts. He said *“Light sins call for a rebuke, shameful acts call for severe discipline”*.
 - d. Paul did not treat sexual sins lightly.
 - i. He asked for the culprit to be disciplined. 1 Cor. 5:1-5 ***“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife. ...To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”***
 - ii. Run with terror from fornication. 1 Cor.6:18 ***“Flee fornication”***.
 - iii. It is a sin against your physical body. 1 Cor. 6:19 ***“Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”***
 - iv. Sexual sinners do not glorify God in their body. 1 Cor. 6:20 ***“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”***
 - e. Our sexuality defines our identity (children are identified as boys or girls by their sexuality).
 - f. Affects our deepest emotionality (disappointment comes when women feel used)
 - g. Breaks trust in relationships.
 - h. Produces and exposes unsupported human beings.
 - i. Affects the Body of Christ. Rom.14:7 ***“For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself.”***
 - j. Sexual sins hurt the Lordship of Christ.
1. Sex is the seal of the marriage covenant.
Gen 2:24-25. In Matt. 19:6. Jesus quoting the same scripture said ***“therefore the couple is not two but one flesh”***

Having sex with someone other than your spouse deposits a wrong spirit in you.

2. AIDS surveys have shown *“When you sleep with your current partner, you also sleep with everyone they slept with prior to you”*.
3. The biblical reason for divorce makes it plain.

- i. That sexual sin may be a reason for divorce. Matt. 19:9 ***“And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”***

Note that even in the event that one party commits adultery, the Bible desires forgiveness and pardon. There was a couple who appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. The woman got involved in adultery. It broke the man when under conviction she confessed to him. He could not believe himself that whiles he was tiring to work and sustain the family, adultery was the only reward his wife could give him. The woman apologized to him, asked for his forgiveness, they went through counselling and today they are a happy couple.

- ii. Abandonment. 1 Cor. 7:5,15 ***“Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.”***

1. When you have sex with someone, spiritually, you inherit everything they dabbled in e.g. Pornography, homosexuality / lesbianism, witchcraft, anger etc. If the person is your spouse, you have to ask God to protect your spirit through the blood of Jesus so you don't receive negative transference of spirits.

1. Desire for someone who is not your spouse. (Note that spouse in this book refers to husband and wife)

**Beware of sexual sin, it is the only sin
that affects the body.**

2. Inner struggle to fight and resist this wrong desire. It shows up when you meet anyone who looks attractive to you and you want to have sex with them.
3. Uncontrollable sexual yearning.
 - i. Amnon lusted uncontrollably for his sister Tamar. 2 Sam. 13:2 ***“And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.”*** The Good News Bible says ***“He was so much in love with her that he became ill, because it seemed impossible for him to have her; as a virgin she was kept from meeting men.”*** He so lusted after her till he fell sick. May you be delivered from such a desire. If you are struggling to overcome or quench such a hunger, be set free now in Jesus name.
 - ii. Amnon was so affected by this spirit of lust till he grew lean. 2 Sam. 13:4 ***“And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king’s son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.”*** Amnon was dying out of lust which we can call a fatal attraction.
 - iii. Jonadab who was Amnon’s cousin gave him bad counsel like Satan normally does in giving us evil thoughts to fulfil such a wrong desire. 2 Sam.13:5 ***“And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.”***
4. This spirit causes you to develop a soft spot for this person and makes you unusually attracted to them.
5. It makes you seem to need their company and want to touch them or hold them in your arms.
6. It makes you lose sight of the effect of what you are about to do as long as

you get what you desire. 2 Sam. 13:13-14 ***“And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.”***

7. If this attraction and soft spot for the other party is not checked, it could erupt into “volcanic proportions”. It is even dangerous when it happens in a courtship. Matt.5:28 ***“But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”***
8. The spirit of lust likes to operate at night or in the evenings, avoid entertaining people alone at night. Prov. 7:9-10 ***“In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart.”***

7 THINGS THAT LEAD TO SEXUAL SIN

1. **Flattery:** Prov. 5:3 ***“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:”*** Prov. 6:24 ***“To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.”*** Prov. 7:5 ***“That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.”***
2. **Seduction:** with the eyes. Prov. 6:25 ***“Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids”.***
 - i. You can notice when a woman is eyeing you or a man is gunning for you through the eyes.
 - ii. Don’t let your eyes lead you astray.
Job 31:1 ***“I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?”***
 - iii. You can communicate through eye contact.
 - iv. Don’t let beauty or handsomeness deceive you.
1. **Going around the wrong places:**
Prov. 7:8-9 ***“Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:”*** Jas. 1:14-15 ***“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth***

forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” 1 Thess. 5:22 “Abstain from all appearance of evil”

2. Suggestive clothing: Prov. 7:10 ***“And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart.”***

- i. Be careful of anyone who dresses seductively around you.
- ii. Don’t wear clothes to accentuate your sex organs.
- iii. Don’t dress to arouse lust in others.

1. Bad company : Jas. 4:4 ***“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”***

2. Lack of Understanding: Prov. 6:32 ***“But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”***

- i. Not being careful about house boys / drivers - Lonely house wives whose husbands are too busy and do not get time to listen to them, gradually become overwhelmed with the pressure to talk to someone and eventually start discussing their problems with either the driver as he drives madam, or the house boy as he works in the house. Slowly a bond of affection is established, and if the house boy/driver is not disciplined like Joseph, it ends up in sexual sin.
- ii. A stepson or a husband’s younger brother:- If a man marries a young woman who is in the age group of his son or younger brother and keeps getting too busy to entertain her, this young woman may be forced to develop a relationship with her stepson or husband’s brother which may eventually lead to something else.
- iii. A lady househelp:- A husband who begins to appreciate the services of a female househelp more than the wife is gradually drawn to her. A husband should let the wife employ and dismiss the househelp. If his wife is wrong, he should point it out to her in private. A wife should not leave the serving of the food of the husband to the female househelp, nor the fixing of their bedroom, since it opens the man up to sexual attack. A wife should not be travelling and leaving a beautiful/ attractive/ young househelp alone with the husband to serve him, because she could be digging a sexual grave for the husband.

- iv. Sister/daughter:- If the woman invites her sister to live with them, she should develop an openness for the sister to share any advances the husband might make on her. Also she should educate her not to wear provocative dresses in the house. A woman who goes to marry with a teenage daughter should also treat it the same as above. A husband should also not be overly drawn to the younger sister of his spouse living with them. He should give the lady gifts only through his wife etc. Men married to women with maturing daughters should treat these step daughters as their own daughter and with enough decency. He should avoid being left alone with them in a compromising way.
 - v. Being enticed from married people:- A married woman may fall for a married man and to gain access to him, she might intentionally befriend the wife. Naive wives also expose their husbands to such “so called friends” who eventually get the man into sexual sin. There are times married women would entice a man by indicating that “when we have a sexual encounter no one will know, because I am married.” If the man does not happen to have the discipline of Joseph he will fall.
 - vi. Daughter with a different woman who did not live with you. There are many instances of men who have had sex with their own daughters (with other women). These men were visited by these daughters and seeing how beautiful such girls had grown to become, were tempted and ended up having sex with them. Be watchful of such daughters you did not raise or accept in the beginning. Daughters be careful of such fathers you did not live with. Don’t dress provocatively before such fathers and don’t undress nor change clothes in their presence.
7. **Indiscipline.** It is lack of self control.

1. CHAPTER FOUR

Fire Will Burn You

15 THINGS YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF BEFORE HAVING AN AFFAIR

Remember an affair has emotional and financial consequences that may impact you and your loved ones.

2. Why are you thinking about having an affair (taking this stupid risk)? Some say they fell out of love, which did not just happen.
3. Are you entitled to an affair? “An affair is not the solution to finding a sexually fulfilling relationship.” Weiner Davies.
4. Is this affair really about your lover, your marriage or you?
5. Are you really in “love”(lusting after) with the other person, is it not infatuation? Do not answer it with your groin but your brain. When infatuated you don’t make rational decisions. Love is blind, deaf and dumb when it comes to infidelity.
6. What are the pros besides sex with someone other than your spouse? Stop this lie: “she/he is the only one that listens to me,” “There is nothing we cannot laugh about,” etc. All these fade as the newness wears off.
7. Are you prepared to get caught? You always will be.
8. Are you willing to risk your marriage?
9. How will your spouse feel? Thinking about how your spouse will feel is the first step to fixing your marriage.
10. Are you prepared to live with a heavy conscience? Even if your spouse can forgive you, the road to self acceptance may sometimes be rougher than you thought. Apart from your spouse, you have involved another person — “a lover” — who has their emotions and attachments to the relationship.
11. Are you prepared for a change in all your relationships? Your children will feel betrayed, family and friends will feel embarrassed and angry.
12. Are you prepared for all the things people will say and think about you?
13. Are you financially secured enough for a possible end of your marriage? Some of the time your affair may cause a divorce and you have to consider

- i. Child support
 - ii. Alimony
 - iii. If your illicit affair continues you have two households to support.
1. Where do you expect this affair to go? Can you build a future with this person? Can you survive a break-up?
 2. How would you feel if your spouse is the one that is cheating?
 3. Have you tried to repair what was wrong in your marriage?

27 DANGERS AND RESULTS OF SEXUAL SINS

1. Because sex is the window to the soul of a person, sexual sin leads to bondage and guilt.
2. It is dangerous to have sex with someone other than your legitimate partner. It deposits a wrong spirit in you.
 - i. David received a wrong spirit after sinning with Bathsheba, which shrouded his judgment to commit another sin which was murder. When he repented, he had to pray to God to **“Renew a right spirit within him”** Psalm 51:10.
 - ii. Through it there is transfer of spirits.

Female satanic agents:

 - a. Make the men impotent.
 - b. Release a lustful spirit to the men to carry. A young Nigerian prostitute working in Rome (who was delivered from satanic possession) said, *“I have two serpents in my vagina. A ‘good’ one and a ‘wicked’ one. When I have sex with a man, and the good one manifests through me, it deposits a lustful spirit into the man. If the man is married or not, they lust after me and others. If the wicked one manifests, the man I sleep with is struck with an incurable disease.”* In May 2005, I preached in Rome and visited with a sick man at the El Panza hospital. He said to me *“Bishop, I met a girl I wanted to marry. I had sex with her, the last I remember is her looking at me with a wicked frown. I woke up in this hospital three weeks ago paralysed and with a brain infection. The lady has not even come to visit me.”* A man also shared this testimony with me around the same period I was in Rome. He said *“I was going home one night when I gave this lady a lift. We talked, went to her house and*

had sex. When we finished, she just said to me “You are finished, I just put a snake in your body.” Since then, I feel a snake walking under my skin. After much torment, I went to Pastor Tony Ackon’s church and he had a word of knowledge about my situation and prayed for me and I had my deliverance. Two days later, the lady called me and said, ‘you returned my serpents to me when I was giving them to you for power and protection.’ I changed my phone number and we haven’t been in touch since.”

- c. Neutralizes the man’s importance.
- d. Opens the door to attacks. Do not forget that when you have an affair with someone other than your legitimate partner, you will lose your confidence, be under guilt, open the door of satanic attack against your ministry and family, and worst of all, you will lose your authority in your local church. Jim Bakker writes about his 15-20 minutes quick tryst and furtive sexual encounter with Jessica Hahn, *“I had not even paused to think of the potential ramification of my actions while giving in to the temptation of having sex with a woman other than my wife. I had opened the door to attack on the ministry I headed, my family and me, personally. Worse yet, the Devil had not made me do any of it; I had done it of my own stubborn will.”* Jim Bakker sadly lost one of the major worldwide ministries.

A young man on his death bed invited me to listen to his confession as an example to others: *“Bishop, I have been a committed and dedicated Christian since my Secondary School and University days. I was working as an engineer with a good firm, married to a committed wife and we had children. I went to the office one Saturday to finish up my assignments, a young lady of about 18years of age who had come to live with me from our village for over five years suddenly entered my office and said, ‘Dad I just came to see how you were faring.’ Before I could say Jack, we were having sex. A few months after that, I discovered that my internal organs were destroyed. Everything was done to find out the cause of my ailment, there was no medical explanation. The more I prayed about it, the more I felt convinced that my sexual sin had opened me up to Satanic attack. I wish I had been more careful.”* If you break the hedge, the serpent will bite you.

Male satanic agents

- a. Release sperms to destroy wombs and fallopian tubes. Many ladies are

carrying sicknesses and diseases they acquired through sexual intercourse. They however cannot tell how they got these diseases but when they cast their minds back, they remember there was a certain intercourse that opened them up.

- b. Make the women carry a lustful spirit. Through sex, some girls are initiated into a life of prostitution and immorality. Some know that what they are doing is a shame to womanhood and they do not like what they are doing, yet they cannot control themselves.
- c. Opens them up to attacks. The late Kathryn Kuhlman whiles a pastor got attracted to a married man called Burroughs Waltrip, who had two kids. This was before God began to use her mightily. She eloped and got married to this Evangelist Waltrip who came to preach in her church at Denver. After the marriage, Kathryn lost her sense of peace until she walked out of the relationship 12 years later. She claimed she “loved” this attractive young man (who was ten years older than her) above any other man. When she quit this adulterous marriage, God began to use her very powerfully.
- i. Those with lustful spirits generally seduce people through the use of points of contacts such as food, sweets, gift materials, clothes etc.
 - a. Clothes - if the anointing can be transferred through clothes, so can demonic spirits transfer things through the same medium. Ezek. 13:18 ***“And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?”***
 - b. Food - many single brothers have fallen into sexual sins through invitations to eat. Ezek.13:19-21 ***“And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.”*** Prov. 23:6-8 ***“Eat thou not the bread of***

him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words."

- i. Kisses, shaking of hands, embraces (hugs) common usage of handkerchiefs, sharing of clothes, wigs and attachments, materials sold by satanic agents. This means you need to know the lifestyle of the people you share things with lest you pick wrong spirits.
1 Tim.5:22-25 ***"Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid"***
 - ii. Items intentionally left by the one lusting after you to bring to them e.g. coins etc.
 - iii. Being bathed by spiritualists and false prophets.
 - iv. Through dreams in which there is sex or kissing with same sex or the opposite sex. After such dreams, pray to be cleansed from the pollutions of the flesh and of the spirit. 2 Cor. 7:1 ***"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."***
 - v. Being "sold" by sorcery into lust. Nahum 3:4 ***"Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts."***
1. It affects you like no other sins do. 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."***
 2. It brings guilt and condemnation which inhibit many believers from serving the Lord. Rom. 12:1. Many of those who get entangled in sexual sin, get displaced or backslide.
 3. It produces instability. When Rueben slept with the father's concubine, he became "unstable as water" and was cursed that he "shall not excel" Gen. 49:3-4 ***"Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:***

Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch." Gen. 35:22 "And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:"

4. It takes away your true strength of character. Prov. 6:26-29 ***"For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent."***
5. It destroys your soul. Prov. 6:32 ***"He that commits adultery lacks understanding and destroys his own soul"***
6. It is covered up by pride. 1 Cor. 5:2 ***"And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you."***
7. It leads to death. Prov. 5:3-5 ***"For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."***
8. Those engaged in sexual sin tend to be liars. The spirit of fornication or adultery goes with the spirit of deception.
9. It spreads HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) such as gonorrhea, syphilis, urethritis, Hepatitis B, herpes, genitalis, vaginitis, Urinary Tract Infection, cancer of the cervix, etc. These can also affect your spouse and children.
10. It produces illicit pregnancy and a child that may never know the father with its associated problems of nervous breakdown, the fear of being seen, the unwanted children becoming social deviants etc.
11. These five points below are culled from an Australian Girlie Magazine (Dolly)
 - i. The earlier you start having sex and the more partners you have, the higher your risk of later developing cervical cancer.
 - ii. Women who get pregnant at a young age also risk developing cervical cancer.

- iii. The younger a girl is when she first gets pregnant, the more likely her chances of getting pregnant again.
- iv. Repeated abortions can cause pelvic infection, which can lead to infertility.
- v. The earlier a girl starts having sex, the more likely she is to be exposed to sexually transmitted diseases, thus risking infertility.

1. Leads to abortion.

- i. Abortion is a violation of the sixth commandment. Ex. 20:13 ***“Thou shalt not kill”*** (commit murder) Brackets mine
- ii. Seven questions you should ask yourself about abortion
 - a. Is the foetus considered human life?
Lev. 17:11 ***“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: ...”*** Remember if there is blood there is life.
 - b. When is life recognized in the human womb? Medical science says after twelve (12) days but God says “the instant it becomes life” (blood clot)
Jer. 1:5 ***“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”***
 - c. Is there a penalty for the loss of life whilst in the womb of the mother?
Exo. 21:22-23 ***“if men contend with each other, and a pregnant woman (interfering) is hurt so that she has a miscarriage, yet no further damage follows (the one who hurt her) shall surely be punished ... he shall give life for life.”***
 - d. Does the foetus have a personality or is it a blurb or mass of meaningless flesh (Is life recognizable in the womb)? Isa. 49:1 ***“Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.”*** Jer 1:4-5 ***“Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”***; Luke 1:41 ***“And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost”***
Gen. 25:21-22 ***“And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his***

wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. The Lord said to her “two nations are in your womb...” The unborn foetus was called nations by God.

- e. Does the woman have the right over her own body to cut off the foetus?
1 Cor.6:19-20 **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”** You are not your own.
 - f. Is there judgment for those who pass laws making godless things possible (like pro choice / pro abortion)? Isa.10:1-2 **“Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!”**. Abortion is only allowed where the mother’s life is at risk or that of the foetus too. Abortion is not a private matter.
 - g. Is abortion safe? Half of the people who go for abortion die.
- 1. It leads to pain and bitterness. Tamar’s example in 2 Sam 13:1-18 **“Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her.”**
 - 2. Wasted life — it leaves in its trail broken homes, broken lives, etc. In the days of old, they paid for it with death; 23,000 died in one day for example. 1 Cor. 10:8 **“Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.”**
 - 3. Leads to financial crises. Prov. 6:26 **“For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.”**
 - 4. It affects the emotions (emotions play a large part in your human challenges), your spirit, mind, conscience and body. You don’t easily forget those you have sex with, because sex is a joining of the soul. It brings wounds and dishonour (Bad reputation) Prov. 6:32 **“But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”**
 - 5. Leads to manipulation (i.e. The subtle control of a person by another) when it happens that you yield one time to sexual sin, the one you yield to

tries to manipulate you to sin again.

6. You will be exposed. Jessica Hahn, twelve years after her sexual encounter with Jim Bakker, went to Jimmy Swaggart, Bakker's "ministerial competitor" to expose him; Monica Lewinsky exposed President Clinton "... ***Be sure your sin will find you out***" Num.32:23. Most of the time, your accomplice comes "under conviction" and they go to a person who is your enemy, competitor or someone who does not like you. Years ago, when I went to preach in a city, I took a stroll through the town. A pastor approached me and said my host who was his rival in ministry had gone to be with a prostitute and the lady had come to him. When I investigated, it was true. We confronted my host pastor who accepted this sin but asked a question I will never forget: "Does this prostitute expose everyman she sleeps with?" I believe she does not; but because she slept with a Christian leader, the Devil had to make her expose him and God allowed it so the man could be disciplined on earth for his soul to be saved.

**You cannot entertain sexual thoughts
and resist sexual sin.**

7. Destroys the faith of others. A lady was sexually harassed by a pastor. When the lady later exposed the case, she felt so shattered that a "man of God" could do that to her, she backslid. In the cases of spiritual discipline we have implemented publicly, certain people have lost their faith because they did not expect a pastor to do that. Many worldwide backslided when Jimmy Swaggart was exposed and he confessed to having indulged in sexual sin.
8. It forces a life of secrecy; there is always a sense of guilt and anxiety of being exposed one day.
9. It leads to sexually transmitted diseases (STD) that destroy the body. Condoms have proven only 25% effective. Condoms are not 100% safe "The BBC has reported that 10 million condoms imported into Uganda from China have been found to be defective and have been sent back to China" The Mirror (a Ghanaian Weekly)
10. It ensures that its grip over your soul is not broken. The victim then keeps

falling into sexual sin.

11. It is an attack on the nuclear family. According to the Wall Street Journal of Monday 18th April 2005 pg.A7, Cardinal Arinze speaking at a graduation ceremony at Georgetown University, USA denounced what he called threats to family life “In many parts of the world, the family is under siege... It is scorned and banalized by pornography, desecrated by fornication and adultery, mocked by homosexuality, sabotaged by irregular unions and cut in two by divorce”
12. Makes you lose your moral authority. One time an elderly man said to me “Bishop, I can handle it when my pastor is covetous or proud but when he/she is a fornicator/adulterer it will be difficult for me to handle it”. When you are restored, most of the time you have a scar. Everyone knows David committed adultery with Bathsheba and Delilah seduced Samson. Samson lost his eyes and even though his hair began to grow he remained blind. David was restored but his testimony remained as an adulterer.
13. It separates you from God. Psalm 51 ***“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”***

NOTE: When a believer keeps yielding to sexual sin, he gets to a place it becomes part of him. They tend to have a “stretched” view of the grace of God.

CHAPTER FIVE

How To Quench The Fire

Sex is good but must be controlled as any other drive.

23 KEYS TO HELP YOU AVOID AND OVERCOME SEXUAL TEMPTATION

1. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour.
 - i. All have sinned: No one is righteous
Rom. 3:10 ***“As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one”*** Rom. 3:23 ***“All sinners have fallen short of the glory of God.”***
 - ii. Condemned: We stand condemned as sinners ***“For the wages of sin is death”*** Rom. 6:23a.
 - iii. You need God’s forgiveness through Christ Jesus, God’s gift of eternal life. Rom. 6:23b ***“but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”***
 - iv. Confess: “Forsake your sins and confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead”. Rom.10:9-10.
 - v. Justified: Be assured that by forsaking your sin and accepting Christ into your heart you stand condemned no more. Rom. 8:1 ***“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”***
 - vi. Assurance: Be assured you are now a child of God. John 1:12 ***“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”*** ***“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”*** Rom. 8:16 ***“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”***
 - vii. Receive Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of your Life NOW. Remember you don’t have to change or forsake anything before you accept the Lord. A patient does not need to be well before seeing a doctor. Come to Jesus as you are and He will make you as He has always wanted you to be.
 - viii. To receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of your life, believe in your heart and sincerely pray this prayer out loud.

Jesus overcame all temptation. He will empower you to do the same.

Dear Jesus,

I accept that I am a sinner and I cannot save myself. I believe that you died for the forgiveness of my sins and you rose from the dead that I will be justified before God. Come into my life, and wash my sins with your blood and give me eternal life. I accept and confess you as my Lord. Thank you that I am born again

Note: It is not easy to quit sexual addiction by your own might, that is why you need the help of the Lord. Doctors cannot help you. Coralie Ericholtz, a 25 year old model from London says, *"I have had sex with over hundred people. Doctors cannot cure my sex addiction. If I go longer than a week without sex, I start wanting to sleep with strangers. Ideally, I'd love to get married and have a family but I can't remain faithful. If I didn't get regular sex of at least three times a day, I'd be bad tempered, edgy and unable to sleep or concentrate."* ¹

¹ Marie Claire magazine May 2005 pg.179-182.

1. Know you are now a new creation.
 - i. Accept that you are a new creature
 - ii. Your old life is dead with Christ 2 Cor. 5:17 ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."***
 - iii. You are the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21 ***"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."***
 - iv. As a new creature God will help you to live above sin. Phil. 2:13 ***"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*** Before I met Jesus, sex was my hobby. After the age of 15, I could not stay two weeks without sex. When I gave my life to Jesus in 1980, Jesus broke the power of lust from my life and I am glad to say that by His grace I stayed five years without sex before I got married. I

have been married since 1985 and God has helped me to stay faithful to my wife.

- v. You are complete in Christ. Col. 2:10 ***“And ye are complete in Him (in Christ), which is the head of all principality and power:”*** Brackets mine.
- vi. As a new creature, greater is He that is in you than the Devil in the world. 1 John 4:4 ***“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”***

1. Stop thinking sexual / homosexual and lustful thoughts.

Rom. 1:20-27 ***“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.”***

This scripture shows that

- i. Sexual perversion is not from God.
- ii. The scriptures say homosexuals “become vain in their imaginations”
- iii. They chose to change the truth against nature (natural laws)
- iv. They changed the relationship between a man and a woman to a man and man, woman to woman affair.
- v. Resist the Devil’s attack on your mind

2 Cor. 10:3-5 ***“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”***

Control your thought and feelings with the word of God. You cannot control the birds from flying over your head but you can stop them from building a nest in your hair.

- vi. Stop entertaining lustful thoughts and instead obey the word of God.
- vii. Your natural mind is an enemy to the word of God and so renew your mind. Rom. 12:2 ***“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”***
- viii. As a Christian you have the mind of Christ. 1Cor 2:16 ***“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”***
- ix. Sometimes the Devil will even quote scriptures to you but he will do it out of context. 2 Cor. 11:14 ***“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”***

1. Resist the Devil.

James 4:7-8 ***“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”***

- i. Resist his attacks on your body
 - a. 1 Thess. 5:23 ***“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** Rom. 12:1 ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”***
 - b. God wants to dwell in your body, so don't defile it. 1 Cor. 6:18-20 ***“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know***

ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

- i. Resist the attack of the Devil in your will and emotions.
 - a. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus resisted sin to the point that his sweat became blood. Luke 22:44 ***"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."*** Heb. 12:4 ***"Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."***
 - b. Jesus was under an attack against His natural will and emotions but cried out, ***"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."*** Luke 22:42
 - i. God has called us to temperance i.e. self control and continence especially voluntary refraining from sexual intercourse.
1 Cor. 9:24-27 ***"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."***
 - ii. Refuse to fulfil the desire of the flesh and mind. Eph. 2:3 ***"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."***
1. Everyone faces temptation.
 - i. There are three kinds of temptation and Jesus was tempted in all three areas
 - a. Lust of the flesh. Matt. 4:3-4 ***"And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by***

bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

- b. Pride of life. Matt. 4:5-7 ***“Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”***
- c. Lust of the eye. Matt. 4:8-11 ***“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.”***
 - i. Through the lust of the eyes and television, Satan has convinced society that sexual sin is acceptable.
 - ii. Men are easily aroused by what they see.
 - iii. Be careful what you watch.
 - iv. Pornography is a spirit; it arouses the flesh and creates thoughts that stir the body to sin.
- i. We must guard against these temptations, but the joy is that we have been programmed to overcome temptation. 1 Cor. 10:13 ***“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”***
- a. Jesus came in the flesh and yet He overcame temptation. John 1:14 ***“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*** Heb. 4:15 ***“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”***
- b. You don’t have to serve sin nor yield to temptation God has made a way

of escape. Rom. 6:16 ***“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”***

- c. Stand on the promises of the word Rev 12:11 ***“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*** Say this right now “Dear God, thank You for the power You have given me over sin, therefore sin shall no longer rule in my mortal body

Rom. 6:12 ***“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”*** Devil, take your hands off God’s property. I yield my body as an instrument of God’s righteousness and I will not serve sin but serve God according to Rom 6:13-14 ***“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God”*** in Jesus name.

- d. You have to resist temptation to the point of bleeding your own blood or till it hurts. Luke 22:44 ***“And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”*** Heb. 12:4 ***“Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.”***
- e. Mortify (put to death/discipline) your body. Col. 3:5 ***“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:”***

Any part of your body that will lead you to sin you must “cut it off” or “pluck it out”. Matt. 18:8-9 ***“Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.”***

- f. You can resist temptation James 1:12 ***“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”*** Rev. 2:26 ***“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:”***

1. Marry early if you are not celibate (as Jesus explains in Matt. 10:12)

- i. Don't delay in getting married. It usually ends in sexual sin.
- ii. If you will burn with lust, get married. 1 Cor.7:2 ***"Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."***
- iii. The scriptures encourage marriage in your youth. Prov. 5:18 ***"Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth."***
- iv. Don't wait till you have everything to make you comfortable before you get married. I married at the age of 23 when I had nothing but a vision, a profession and determination.

1. Get the Holy Spirit baptism and learn to pray in the Spirit. Acts 1:8 ***"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses (examples) unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."***

Rom. 8:26 ***"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."***

Praying in the Holy Spirit is praying in tongues. 1 Cor 14:2, 4, 14, 15 ***"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."*** Jude 20 ***"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,"***

2. Choose not to walk in sin

- i. How do you know you are sinning?
 - a. You know because when you are saved the word is written in your heart and mind Heb. 8:10-11 ***"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every***

man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.”

- b. Your born again spirit can no longer agree with sin because God’s word abides in you unless you make your conscience seared. 1 John 3:6 ***“Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.”***

- c. ACT on God’s word now.

Eph. 4:22-24 ***“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”***

- d. Put on the new man Col. 3:10 ***“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:”***

- i. Do that by refusing to walk in sin.

Make up your mind before temptation comes that you will obey the word of God no matter what. 1 John 5:3-4 ***“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”***

- 1. Refuse to go to places where sin is encouraged or seen as a lifestyle. 2 Cor. 6:16-17 ***“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,”***

- i. The Lord says “Come out from among them and be ye separate.”

- ii. To live a victorious life in Christ you must be separate from the world and its standards. 1 John 2:15-17 ***“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”***

- 1. Have a Sexually Active Marriage

- i. Make pleasurable sex an active part of your marriage.
- ii. Don't withhold sex from one another. 1 Cor.7:3-5 ***"Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."***
- iii. Wives, when you have sex regularly with your husband, you prevent him from having extra marital affairs.

1. Develop Self Control / Control your stuff.

- i. Otherwise whilst married you will still have emotional challenges.
- ii. The Devil whispers to some
 - a. That you don't need to live a pure life.
 - b. Everyone is having "fun" by having sex with another person even though that is not their married partner. (It is said that over 70% of those who live together before getting married never have a lasting relationship.)
 - c. You can enjoy sex and repent afterwards. Remember others might be sinning and it might not affect them but the least you commit will open your family and career up to satanic attack.
 - d. You can pet, fondle, and kiss and "you have not really done it (had sex)". Remember when you take fire in your bosom you will be burnt. An African proverb says "it is whistling that invites a song."
- i. You don't develop self control by getting married. Everyone has a sexual drive but this must be controlled or it will control you. Gal. 5:17 ***"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."*** Whether it is the flesh of a single person or a married person it lusts against the Spirit.

1. Watch the way you behave.

- i. Don't hold the hand of a member of the opposite sex (who is not your spouse) unreasonably. Don't also pat a lady on her chest if a man.
- ii. Don't feel specially called to minister to the opposite sex to the neglect of others.

- i. To prevent sexual rumours, Billy Graham and his team pledged "never to be alone with a member of the opposite sex other than their legitimate partner".

Job 31:1 ***"I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I think upon a maid"*** . When I began ministry there were some promising friends who believed if you could not sleep in the same room overnight with the opposite sex without doing anything you were not "spiritual". Those friends have all lost their ministries.

- ii. Don't allow a member of the opposite sex to build personal interest in you beyond normal acquaintance, otherwise very soon there will be "uncontrolled love". When the sons of God saw the daughters of men they sinned by having sex with them. Gen. 6:1-2 ***"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."***

Those you hang out with will determine whether you can control your "stuff"

- iii. Involve your partner in your relationships. Let your partner police you. If she is not comfortable with any relationship cut it off. Don't also be overly jealous of the people your spouse relates to.
- iv. A minister should stop riding alone with a member of the opposite sex in his/her car other than a relation.
- v. Don't allow a member of the opposite sex alone into your hotel room, otherwise leave the door open.
- vi. Avoid a "Ministerial Mate" or "Spiritual Spouse" i.e. Anyone a married minister (or any Christian) allows to become a closer companion than your true spouse. It is usually a worship leader, associate minister,

secretary, youth leader etc.

- vii. Don't activate romantic feelings or actions with a person other than your legitimate partner.
- viii. Avoid emotional bonding. When two people work closely together for months a soul tie develops if the relationship is not business like.
 - a. Then one's spouse ceases to be their closest friend, counsellor, sounding board and co-labourer.
 - b. They start spending more time together alone at the office and out of town conferences than with the spouse.
 - c. Gradually thinks this person is more understanding and appreciative than spouse.
 - d. When you are a spouse and you notice this attitude, don't be quiet about it, bring it to the attention of your spouse.
 - e. If he/she responds positively to repair the situation, he/she is safe.
 - f. If he/she responds with resentment, accusing spouse of jealousy, lack of commitment or failure to understand Christian and ministerial responsibilities it is your obligation to go to your spiritual overseer or marriage counsellor.
 - g. Don't be stopped by threats or a spirit of intimidation intended to keep you from getting help.
 - h. Ignoring it or keeping silent will not improve situations; and remember, telling your spiritual overseer is not betraying confidence, failing to stand with your spouse or failing to cover with love. ***"Open rebuke is better than secret love"*** Prov. 27:5 is greater than 1Pet.4:8 ***"love covers a multitude of sins"***
 - i. The longer you wait to get help, the worse it will get.
 - j. Only a strong love for your mate and a strong love for God will give you the power to resist the temptation of sexual sin.
- xi. Break the soul ties. i.e. the spiritual covenant between the two of you which connects and intertwines your souls. This relationship at times continues to exist possibly for many years after the physical relationship has ended.
 - a. If you have a soul tie with somebody, you cannot resist calling them no matter how hard you try.
 - b. You admire them from afar.

- c. You keep their pictures to look at regularly at times even after you are married. It brings sweet / bitter memories.
- d. When you meet this old sexual partner, the relationship sparks new embers of lust even if you are married to another person now.
- e. Memories of your old flame can be stirred if there was a child out of that relationship, especially if that child resembles his/her parent.

Remember, the sacrifices you have to make are greater when there are children from a previous relationship. e.g. You have to think of their school fees, the clothes they have to wear including yours, when you have to rent a house, you have to take into consideration the number of rooms etc. Unlike newly weds without children who can move into just one room and think about themselves.

1. Flee

1 Tim. 6:11 ***“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.”***, 2 Tim. 2:22 ***“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*** Flee (run with terror) from youthful lust.

- i. Joseph fled from Potiphar’s wife. Gen. 39:7-9, 12 ***“And it came to pass after these things, that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master’s wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.”***

Let your love for God and your family overrule your fleshly desire. Apart from my love for God, I would not be able to explain to my wife what happened and to be quizzed “*what does the other lady have that I don’t have?*”, “*What did you say to her? did you say to her ‘I love you’ etc?*” The dread of such questions and the ones that my intelligent children will ask me helps my resolve not to yield to sexual sin.

- i. Being overtaken with sexual sin does not happen suddenly. You have got

to resist or shun it.

- ii. The Holy Spirit will indicate to you it is wrong before it happens. You will have to choose life or death.
- iii. Don't allow an atmosphere for yielding to sexual sin. Whatever you tolerate, you cannot change.
- iv. Avoid pornography (the explicit description or exhibition of sexual activity in literature (Playboy magazine), movies etc. intended to stimulate erotic rather than aesthetic or emotional feelings). Get pornography out of your house.

1. Be Active In Church.

Heb.10:25 ***“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”***

- i. Don't go to any “cold and dead” church. This is a church where souls are not saved and most people sleep during the service.
- i. Attend a church that is full of the teaching of God's word, not rituals.
- ii. Jesus was daily in the temple. Luke 19:47 ***“And he taught daily in the temple...”*** Jesus loved to go to church. Luke 4:16 ***“...and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.”***
- iii. The Early Church loved to go to church. Acts 2:46 ***“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.”***
- iv. By going to church you learn to fellowship with other believers, you hear about order in the body of Christ and by observation, you learn to minister to other people, you also learn to worship God with your tithes and give offerings. Prov. 13:20 ***“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”***
- v. You need people to exhort you. Heb 3:13 ***“But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”***
- vi. Christians are not perfect but you should have godly examples of men and women around you to help you through the times of trials and

temptations. 1 Cor. 11:1 ***“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”***

1. Fast and pray

- i. Fast and pray for God to cleanse you from the filthiness of the flesh and spirit (pollutions) 2 Cor. 7:1 ***“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”***
 - ii. This kind only gets out by fasting and prayer. Matt. 17: 21 ***“Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”***
 - iii. Use the name of Jesus in prayer to break the power of sexual sin. Phil. 2:9-10 ***“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;”***
 - iv. Apply the blood of Jesus in prayer to cleanse your conscience. Heb. 9:14 ***“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”***
1. Renew your mind with the word of God. James 4:8 ***“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”***
- i. Purify your heart by renewing your mind Rom. 12:2 ***“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”***
 - ii. Be transformed (metamorphosed) by the renewing of your mind. Rom. 12:2
 - iii. Don’t be conformed to this world. God sees you conformed to Jesus. 1John 3:2-3 ***“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”***
 - iv. Think the way God thinks. Phil. 4:8 ***“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are***

just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

- v. You have to renew your mind because when you are born again your mind is not born again — only your spirit is.

Rom. 8:6-7 *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”* 1

Cor 2:14-16 *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”*

- vi. Your mind is the spiritual battlefield between God’s thought and the Devil’s.

2 Cor 10:3-5 *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”*

- a. You must choose to think God’s thought or the Devil’s
- b. If you don’t renew your mind with the word of God, you will automatically think the Devil’s thought because the natural mind is carnal. Phil. 2:5 *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”*

- i. Let the word of God dwell in you richly Col. 3:16 *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*

- i. Let your mind be stayed on God.
Isa. 26:3 *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”*

- 1. Don’t fellowship with those who live in sin

- i. You can share the gospel with unbelieving friends but you never have a common base for fellowship with them. 2 Cor. 6:14 ***“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”*** 1 Cor. 15:33 ***“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”***
 - ii. When you fellowship with people living in sin they will pull you back into it. 1 Cor. 5:6-7 ***“Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:”***
 - iii. Even those who call themselves Christians and walk in sin cannot be your friend. 1 Cor. 5:9-11 ***“I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world or with the covetous or extortioners or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.”*** ¹¹ But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator or covetous or an idolater or a railer or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.”
1 Cor. 6:9-10 ***“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”***
 - iv. Ask God for new friends
1. Refuse to perform acts associated with sexual sin.
 - i. This includes masturbation, revelling, masochism, sadism, bestiality and other forms of perversion.
 - ii. Don’t open the door to satanic attacks (The Devil will ravage you with all forms of sickness and diseases, heartache, strife, murder, revelling and misery) by indulging in sexual sin. Eccl 10:8 ***“He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.”***
 1. Don’t go to hell with the Devil.
 - Gal. 6:7-8 ***“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man***

soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

2 Pet. 2:1-22 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man’s voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These are

wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

1. Fellowship with the Lord.

- i. Learn to fellowship with the Lord by spending time alone with Him in prayer.
- ii. Hear what He has to say, in the word of God and through preaching, read what others write about Him
- iii. Desire to know Him Phil. 3:8-11 *“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”*
- iv. As you fellowship with Him, He will help you out of sin. Psalm 19:12-13 *“Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.”*
- v. Fellowship will make you stand not to fall. Psalm 17:5 *“Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.”*

1. Read the Bible daily

- i. It will sanctify you. John 17:17 ***“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”***
 - ii. The word will wash and cleanse you.
Eph. 5:26 ***“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,”***
 - iii. It will discern your thoughts. Heb. 4:12 ***“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”***
 - iv. It will prevent you from sin. Psalm 119:9, 11 ***“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”***
 - v. Don’t forget that God is His word. John 1:1 ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”***
 - vi. The word of God builds you up to face temptation. Act 20:32 ***“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”***
 - vii. Jesus said you are only a true disciple when you get yourself into the word of God. John 8:31-32 ***“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”***
 - viii. The word is able to save your soul. James 1:21 ***“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”*** Prov.6:23-24 ***“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.”*** 1 John 2:17 ***“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”***
1. Claim victory through the Lord’s Table. There is power available for you to overcome sin through the Lord’s Table. John 6:54-56 ***“Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him***

up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”

2. Your hair can grow again. If you repent of your sin, walk with God, and do what His word says, it is then that your “hair” (anointing) shall grow again. John 16:22 ***“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.”***

13 WAYS TO DEAL WITH A “CRUSH”

Being attracted to someone other than your legitimate partner is having a “crush”. If you notice you are attracted to someone other than your legitimate partner, do these things.

1. Avoid all interactions with this person, acknowledge your sin before God and ask God to strengthen your conscience.
2. Take action at once.
3. No more intimate contacts, phone calls or working together at church.
4. There are times contact is unavoidable. In such a case, make sure all interactions carry a businesslike tone. Don’t rationalize it.
5. Confide in a trusted friend and make yourself accountable to this person.
6. Write an unmarked goodbye letter to this person and read it out loud to your self and your confidant, then burn it and thank God for the inner strength to carry on.
7. Ask God for His sustaining grace to keep you.
8. Finally, remember with every temptation God has a way of escape so don’t yield 1Cor. 10:13 ***“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”***
9. Think on pure things. Phil. 4:8 ***“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”***
10. You have ushered, led praise, preached, witnessed and testified. Don’t go

to hell sitting in the church pew with sexual lust. 1 Cor. 9:27 ***“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”***

11. Don't be lukewarm — either you are hot or cold, either you belong to God or the Devil. Rev. 3:16 ***“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”***
12. Thank God for your victory. 1 Cor.15:57 ***“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** Rom. 8:37 ***“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”***
13. Be holy. 1 Pet. 1:15-16 ***“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”***

CHAPTER SIX

True Love Is Decent

I was in Verona, Italy, to preach. Many tourists go there, some to go and see the place of Romeo and Juliet. Theirs is the story of love that had passionate fires burning in their souls. The sad part of their story is that they committed suicide.

1. i. Romeo and Juliet had a lot of romantic love for one another but not the totality of true love.
 - i. True love is more than an emotion.
 - ii. They did not need to commit suicide for love, that is selfish and manipulation.
 - iii. No Christian needs to commit suicide to show love.
 - iv. Love can give itself for another.
1. i. There is only one word for love in English. One can say that “I love my coat, car, African food” he can then use the same word to describe his or her spouse. “I love my wife or husband”.
 - i. Love in Greek has five words to describe it. They are *Epithumia* , *Eros* , *Phileo* , *Storge* and *Agape* .

Note: To get the full text of these five types of love and how to develop them, get my book “Celebrating Marriage : How to be Best Friends and Passionate Lovers”

TRUE LOVE HAS A STRONG DESIRE (EPITHUMIA)

7 THINGS ABOUT DESIRE IN LOVE.

1. True love includes desire or sexual love.
2. This kind of love gives meaning to sex and spurs a marriage on “till death do us part.”
3. Without true love sex is only an animal instinct or desire.
4. True love can only be found in marriage.
5. If this desire is not in marriage, it makes it unfulfilled especially when the marriage is just beginning or one of the parties is incapacitated. Gen. 3:16
“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy

conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”

- i. That means the woman will have a strong desire for the husband.
 - i. This desire creates a sexual stirring in the woman for her spouse.
 - ii. If it is missing in a wife’s life she should ask God for it.
1. The husband needs this desire for the wife. Prov. 15:19 says, ***“Let the man be ravished with the love for his wife all the days of his life”***.
- i. It causes “fire in the bosom” of the man towards the wife.
 - ii. When the husband travels and is returning, because of this stirring, he is anxious to get home. I know it.
 - iii. If a man does not have this desire towards the wife, he should repent and ask God for it. Stand on the scriptures and claim passion, desire and romantic love for your relationship. Claim it so that when you see your partner you will develop the interest to desire her.
1. When this kind of sexual desire is there for someone other than your spouse, it is sexual lust.
- i. Sexual lust is any “Love” for someone other than your legitimate partner.
 - ii. Sexual lust can never be fulfilled, quenched, never gets satisfied, but goes on until it becomes lasciviousness (uncontrolled)
 - iii. Sexual lust cannot say No.
 - iv. Sexual lust is a desire outside the will of God. In 2 Sam. 13, a certain kind of love was exhibited which I want us to consider. King David had a son known as Amnon. This young man saw his half-sister Tamar as a very beautiful lady and desired her. In those days, he could have contacted his father, paid the dowry and married the lady Tamar. Tamar was the sister of Absalom. The Bible describes Absalom as a very handsome young man in Israel. He had very long hair which was clipped or barbed once a year and weighed. With Tamar as his sister, she should have been one of the most beautiful ladies in Israel. Anytime Amnon saw her, his heart “missed a beat.” One day he fell sick, and when his cousin Jonadab visited him and asked what was wrong, he told him how

he desired Tamar. After narrating the story to his cousin, the cousin advised him to pretend to be sick. When his father came to visit, he requested that his sister be allowed to come and cook for him. The counsel continued that when she came he should do what he wanted with her. Amnon feigned sickness, and King David allowed Tamar to go and cook for the brother. And when she went, Amnon raped her. After he had finished, the Bible says, he hated her. That kind of love, which Amnon had for the sister, was not a good desire, it was lust.

- v. Sisters, don't prove to any brother "you love him" by giving yourself to him before marriage. Anyone who promises you she will give herself to you to prove her love is lusting after you.

TRUE LOVE IS ROMANTIC (EROS)
9 THINGS ABOUT ROMANCE IN LOVE

1. Romantic love is sensual in nature. According to the Country Music T in America, the average person should kiss 840 hours in his life time. How often do you kiss your partner?
 2. It carries in it sentiments and passion.
 3. True love makes your heart beat and makes your heart feel like an "ice block placed on the sun" or "like a volcano burning in your bones".
 4. No marital relationship can be exciting until you have this kind of love in it.
 5. Without it you are seriously missing something.
 - i. If everything seems to be going wrong in your relationship try falling in love.
 - ii. True love can be learnt emotionally.
 - iii. This is dependent on using your God-given imagination and thoughts.
 - iv. True love is dependent on providing the right emotional climate for your mate.
-
1. True love makes you compose love songs and sing to the other partner or write poems for the edification of the spouse.
 2. True love has joy in it. The Bible says, "let them live happily".
 3. Love that has romance carries a lot of passion with it.

4. True love is different from infatuation.

- i. Infatuation is based on fantasy.
- ii. It is concerned with the externals.
- iii. It fades with time.
- iv. It demands and takes.
- v. It pushes God's word aside.
- vi. It thrives on insecurity and risk.

TRUE LOVE PROVIDES FRATERNAL LOVE (PHILEO)

11 THINGS FRATERNAL LOVE PROVIDES

- 1. This is the kind of love for a cherished friend of either sex.
- 2. It can also be described as the love between friends.
 - i. Jesus had this love for some of his disciples John 11:35-36 ***“Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!”***
 - ii. Peter had this love for Jesus John 21:17 ***“He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love me [with a deep, instinctive, personal affection for me, as for a close friend]? Peter was grieved (was saddened and hurt) that he should ask him the third time, Do you love me? And he said to him, Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for you, as for a close friend]. Jesus said to him, Feed my sheep”.*** (AMP)
 - iii. Jonathan and David had this love between them. 1 Sam. 18:1 ***“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”***

1. This love is emotional in nature but can only be developed.

- i. It is love that can be felt and can be very emotional.
- ii. If you have it for the opposite sex and you don't handle it well you may think your love is sexual love.
- iii. If you have a member of the opposite sex like that for a friend, you have to put boundaries on your love.
- iv. I believe this is what the lesbians/ homosexuals have for one another but

abuse it to become “GAY”

1. It is a give and take kind of love. Prov. 18:24, ***“A man that has friends must show himself friendly”***.
2. It is based on the qualities in someone you find admirable, attractive.

**True love waits to get married before
having sex.**

3. This love is selective in nature.
4. The Bible says again that, Prov. 18:24 ***“...there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother”***.
 - i. It is based on fellowship and communication.
 - ii. Older women are expected to teach younger women to develop this for their marriages. Titus 2:3-4 ***“The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children”***

1. In true love one does not just receive but is also a giver.
2. This love is based on sharing and togetherness.
3. It is aided by understanding each other.
 - i. It gives you a steadfast and matured understanding of one another. My wife travels with me a lot. However, she cannot stand a lot of connecting flights they give her headaches. I therefore make sure in travelling I have to eliminate these as much as possible. It means there are times I have to pay so much extra to do that. I am always willing to make that sacrifice without complaining and at times not even mentioning it to her.
 - ii. Understanding each other is a life long process. This calls for a lot of sensitivity.
 - iii. It calls for openness and frankness to one another because you have exchanged your independence for inter dependency.
 - iv. Does not betray the trust of one another.

- v. Does not also ignore the personality needs of each other.
 - vi. True love thrives on feedback and response.
 - vii. It is not indifferent to the other.
 - viii. It takes investing time and attention to the relationship. Neglect of this erases the friendship.
 - ix. Attention is the key to friendship. A middle aged couple with six children said “Love is what you’ve been through with somebody.”
1. Love and understanding increase in old age as the intensity of sex decreases. If you have not built friendship you will lose the relationship or turn to games, a lodge (secret society) etc. She may also turn to shopping etc.

TRUE LOVE TREATS SPOUSE LIKE A RELATIVE (STORGE)

15 FACTS ABOUT LOVE FOR RELATIVES

1. There is a kind of love between relatives.
2. This love makes you treat each other with respect as you would a dignified stranger.
3. It has been argued that “couples who have had their children already, been married for many years, and are on retirement, have a realistic attitude toward each other as they face death together. They show they need each other’s companionship and care about each other’s well being.” However, build this into your relationship now.
4. In true love if one hurts, all hurt. If one is crying, the other wipes the tears. They do it because they belong to one another.
5. It never cuts the other down in public.
6. It makes you treat your partner like you would a relative.
7. It makes you to be there for one another. Your partner might know your weaknesses but you know they will never use them against you. 1 Cor. 13:7 ***“If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.”*** (LB).
8. It has confidence and trust for one another that they will not hurt you.
9. It does not hide hurts from one another.
10. It becomes the shoulder for your partner to cry on. Eccl. 14:9-12 ***“Two are***

better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken”.

11. It is the kind of love that makes one love the sister/relative or vice versa. It's the kind of love that makes the uncles love the nephews and the aunties love the nieces etc.
12. In the last days there will be the lack of this kind of love 2 Tim. 3:3 ***“...without natural affection”.***
13. Makes you enjoy being together and at ease with each other with courtesy (A wife was in a room with the husband and she flatulated, the man was so offended that it became a big fight, which did not need to be).
14. True love is developed by learning to forgive and forget the past.
15. It makes the choice to demonstrate love by daily actions. Nan Laurence said *“the passions of love are exciting, but it is the shared trust that makes everyday of marriage so nice”*

TRUE LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL (AGAPE)

This is “Unconditional love”. Unchanging, untiring, never failing and sustaining love. It is the “God kind of love”.

1. True love survives trials.
2. Agape love does not mark or keep a record of the mistakes your partner commits.
3. Agape love says, “I love you just the way you are, not because of what you do”.
4. It does not give up. 1 Cor. 13:8 says, ***“Love never fails.”*** Everything shall fail, but love never fails.
5. It is the kind of love you exhibit when your marriage is barren of real, emotional, affectionate, and romantic love.
6. True love is not propelled and fuelled by emotions, but by will. Any believer in Christ Jesus has this love in his/her heart. ***“... God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit”*** Rom. 5:5 (AMP)

7. The person with agape love is the aggressor in the relationship, and loves the other person when they are not worthy.
8. In every marriage there are things your partner would do you don't like; but these can only be covered by agape love.
9. It is the panacea for hurts and wounds in the relationship.
10. It can continue and endure in the face of rejection. John 3:16 ***“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*** Rom. 5:8 ***“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”***
 - a. It loves the undeserving.
 - b. It is based on knowledge of what is best for the beloved.
1. This love is not based on how your partner performs but just on the fact that he/she is your partner. If you have agape love you don't behave rudely because you are sick, feeling depressed or tired.
2. It removes the cover of being defensive because you are comfortable with your partner.
3. It does away with constant complaining and explaining yourself. It means a husband can go running after his wife, even when she has left the promises of a sacred home to become a prostitute. He can locate her and bring her back and love her till she is restored to honour and dignity. Hosea did this. He went after the wife and sought for her even after she was found to be living in adultery.
4. Check your love life.
 - a. Do I treat my partner/people based on their behaviour?
 - b. Am I withholding love to make my partner change?
 - c. Am I expecting my partner to change before I can love him/her?
1. True love starts with one person irrespective of what the other person is doing.
2. Agape love exhibits total commitment for better or for worse.

1. Make a decision to love your partner unconditionally with all that is within you, mind, action, and attitude.
2. Know your partner and what the Bible has got to say about marriage, love etc.
3. Whether you like it or not, as a man God enjoins you to love your wife, take care of her tenderly and kindly and be the initiator of love for her. It is your reasonable service in marriage.
4. The wife also discovers that God demands you respond to your husband's love and affection, help him, adapt to his calling in life, respect and honour him, affirm him, delight in him all your life.
5. Have personal knowledge of your partner
1 Peter 3:7 ***“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”***
6. Both should learn how to please one another and meet one another's desires.
7. Remember the way we appreciate love may vary from person to person. To one, love is how one gives personal support and helps in development to one another; to another, how their natural needs are met; to another the receiving of expensive gifts, to another, the amount of time spent together, to another, the often affirmation of “*I love you,*” to yet another, the kisses, hugs and physical show of affection. In short, the languages of love are so many. Learn what best communicates love to your partner. Share with each other what makes you feel loved.
8. Do not make your partner feel guilty
9. Consistently and daily do loving things for your partner.
10. Don't love your partner because you want to reform them. Accept your partner as they are and seek to change your own attitude with scriptural standards. You can either give up your marriage or go the agape way.
11. Do all in your power to give agape.

Conclusion

1 Pe.4:8 admonishes, ***“Above all things have fervent love among yourselves”*** and Paul tells us to ***“Owe no man anything but to love one another”***

(Rom.13:8) May this admonition be resounding in our hearts as we flee sexual sins, completely abandon lust and all ungodly desires, and fully practise true love in our daily lives, in our relationships, and in our marriages. God richly bless you. Amen.



Aliu had an accident 8 years ago and could only walk with crutches. Abuja crusade, Nigeria 2004



Aliu healed by the power of God and telling his story. Abuja crusade, Nigeria 2004



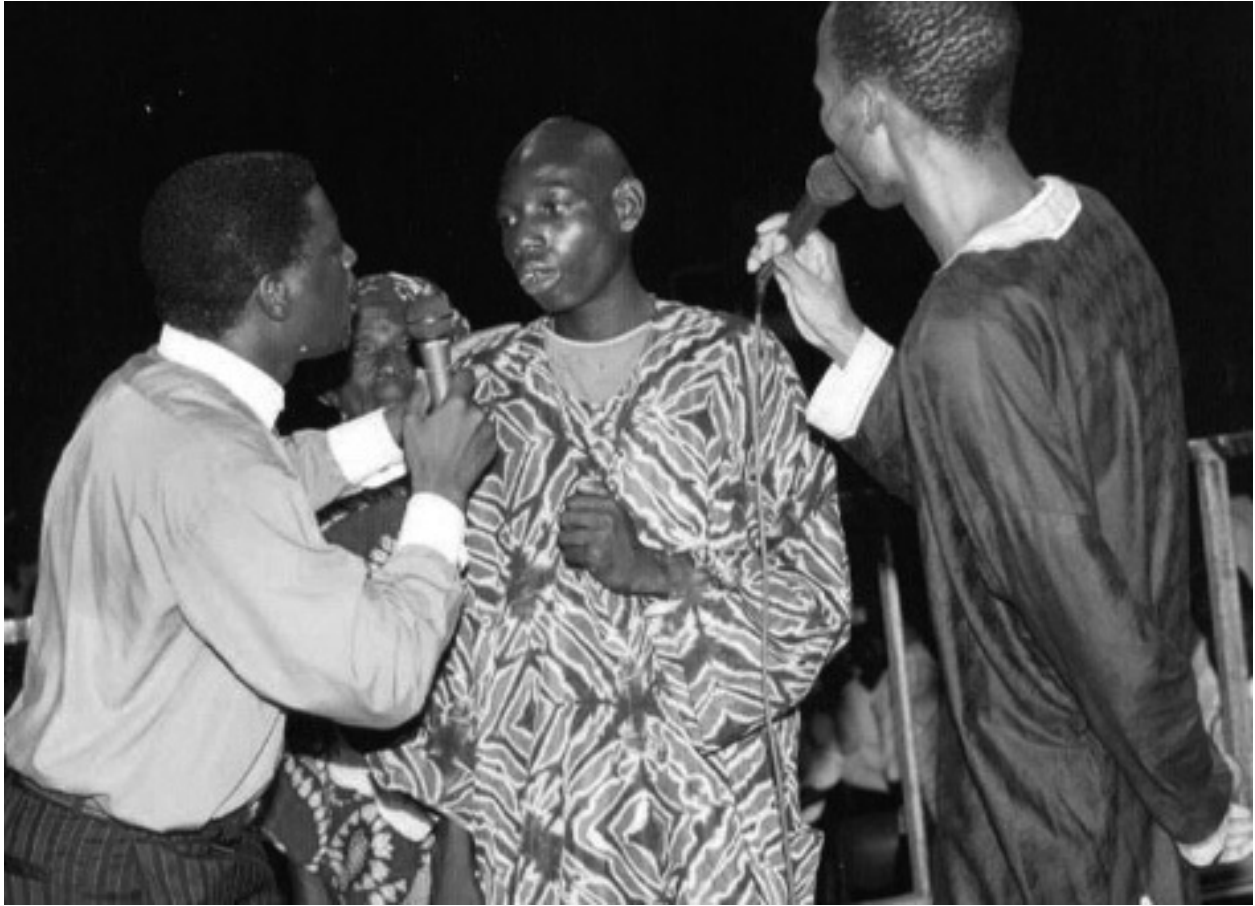
*Aliu showing he can now walk without crutches.
Abuja crusade, Nigeria 2004*



*Mama Adepoju who was totally blind healed by the power of God and praising the Lord for her healing.
Ibadan Crusade Nigeria 2005*



With Apostle Don Stewart of (USA) who was my Co-Minister in Ibadan Crusade, Nigeria 2005



*29 year old Abukari deaf and dumb from birth, a student from the School of the Deaf healed with 18 others. Ibadan Crusade Nigeria
2005*



The 14,000 seater Perez Dome, Dzorwulu, Accra regarded as the largest auditorium in Ghana



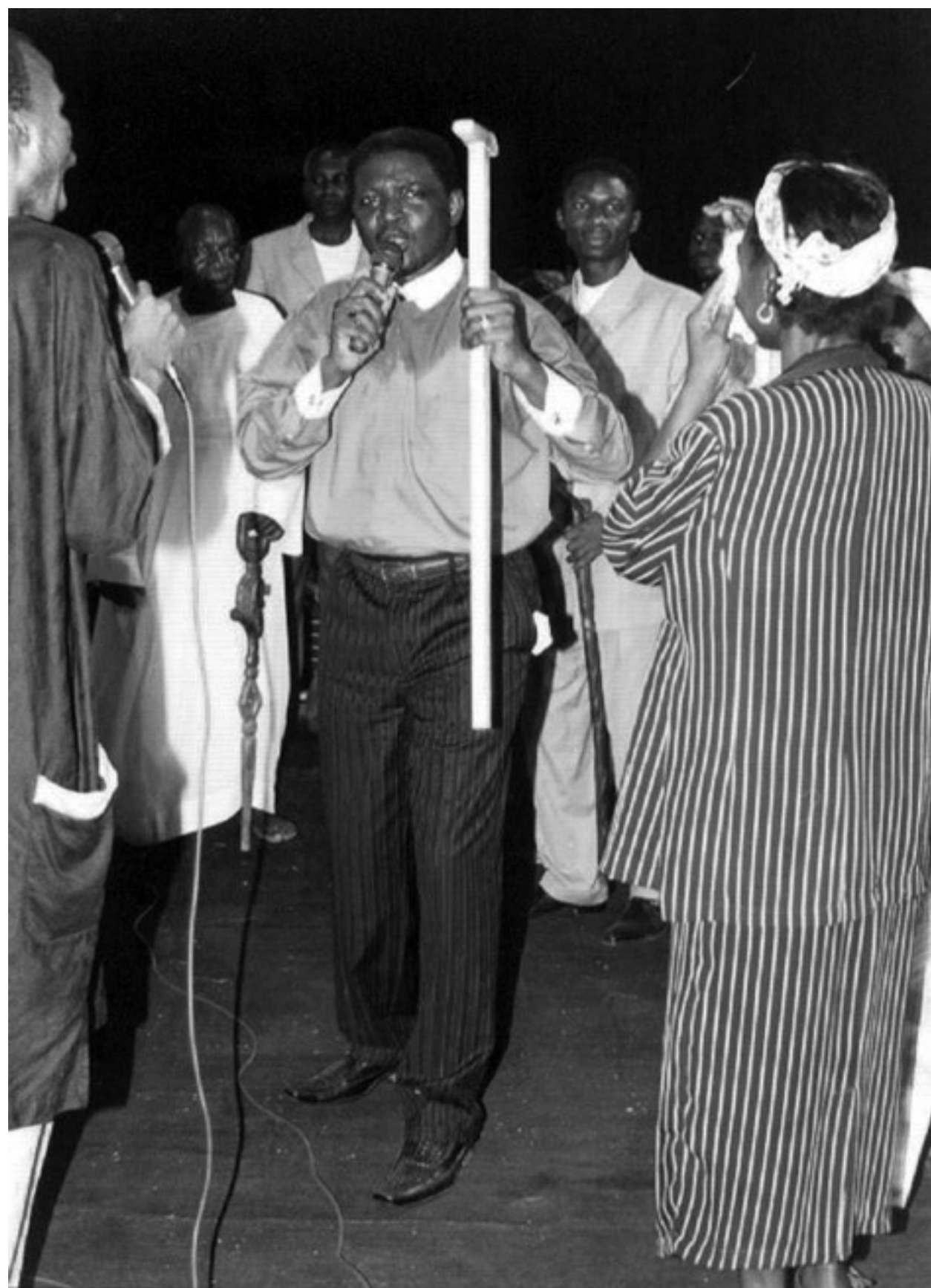
*32year old deaf and dumb from birth brought from the School of the Deaf healed by the power of God with 18 of his mates. Ibadan
Crusade Nigeria 2005*



*Frances suffering from spondilosis(a neck and spinal problem) for five years, came to church and healed by the power of God. WMCI
Dzorwulu, Accra 1999*



Man deaf in one ear for sixty years healed by the power of God. World Evangelism International Bible Church, Lagos Nigeria 2005



Lady Martha crippled for 7 years through an accident and had to walk with a stick. She was helped by a friend to the crusade and was healed by the power of God. Ibadan Crusade Nigeria 2005.



Memuna crippled and twisted for 35years and had to crawl on her hands and feet to get along. Ibadan Crusade Nigeria 2005



*Memuna who came crippled and crawling for 35years healed by the power of God and walking upright by herself. Ibadan Crusade
Nigeria 2005*



Deaf and dumb for 20 years sweet Bunmi was healed by the power of God and is saying "One" World Evangelism International Bible Church, Lagos Nigeria 2005



*12year old Abiola who was deaf and dumb from birth healed by the power of God. Ibadan Crusade Nigeria
2005*

About The Author

Bishop Charles Agyinasare is the presiding bishop of Perez Chapel International and associate independent churches. He is the senior pastor at the Perez Dome, Dzorwulu, Accra, Ghana reputed to be the largest auditorium in Ghana. He is also the president of Perez Ministerial College. He is regarded as one of the national Christian leaders in Ghana. In addition, Dr. Agyinasare is a recipient of the Ghana National Honours Award, in the category of Member of the Order of the Volta, for Championing African Excellence.

Charles had a divine encounter in 1983 when he heard the audible voice of God twice in four days commission him saying, “My boy Charles, I send you out as I sent Moses; go, and I will put My words on your lips, and reach the world for Me,” and “I give unto you power over demons and principalities, heal the sick, raise the dead, preach the kingdom”.

Since then, he has shared the whole counsel of God in seventy-eight (78) nations, including the following: the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Holland, Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine, Israel, India, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Islamic Kingdom of Bahrain, Japan, and many other countries in Africa. His gospel campaigns have recorded over 300,000 people in a single meeting.

He has a mandate to lead God’s people into their breakthrough by preaching the kingdom of God through miracles, healings, signs and wonders, success, prosperity and favour, wisdom, leadership, excellence, integrity (holiness), family life, last days and spiritual impartation. Through his teaching and preaching many people who once were sick, alcoholics, and drug addicts have been set free in his meetings. Many have also been raised from nobodies to somebodies.

His television channel Precious TV reaches many across the globe.

He is a graduate of the All Nations For Christ Bible Institute, Benin City, Nigeria (Charismatic Studies); Vision International University, Ramona, USA (Philosophy of Theology); Ghana Institute Of Management and Professional Administrators (GIMPA), Ghana (Chief Executives Programme); Haggai Institute of Advanced Leadership, Hawaii, USA (Leadership); and he had a two year stint at Law with University of London and GIMPA Law Schools.

He is married to Rev. Mrs. Vivian Sena Agyinasare, the co-founder of Perez Chapel International, and they have three adult children and one adopted

daughter: Dr. Selaise Esar Agyinasare, Francis Nyamekye Agyinasare, Charlene Sena Agyinasare, and Clementina Quarshie.

If this book has been a blessing to you or you need additional help, you can contact the author on the following address:

Bishop Charles Agyinasare
Agyinasare Gospel Crusades
P.O. Box CT 5939
Cantonments-Accra, Ghana

E-mail: agyinasare@gmail.com
presbshp25@aol.com
Website: www.perezchapel.org

Dr. Charles Agyinasare
123 Holmesdale Road,
South Norwood
London SE25 6JJ

Other Books From The Author

- **From small to medium to mega** – how to grow your church
- **Miracles, Healing, Signs, And Wonders** – Here is a valuable source that will help you receive healing, and initiate and release you into the supernatural ministry.
- **Rooted And Built Up In Him** – This 487-page teaching manual will help equip you to stand as a Christian and to effectively work for God.
- **It's Miracle Time, Volume 1** – This book teaches you how to receive your miracle, why some do not receive their miracle, and what divine healing is all about.
- **It's Miracle Time, Volume 2** – This book teaches you how to maintain your healing and provides keys to help you bring healing to others who are sick.
- **Now That You Are Born Again** – Discover how to lead someone to Christ and help new Christians understand what and why they believe.
- **New Testament Ministers Manual** – Use this book to learn how to perform pastoral duties, such as officiating weddings, dedicating buildings, and many other functions made easy.
- **Power In Prayer** – This book contains keys regarding how to pray and how to apply pressure to get answers to prayer.
- **Celebrating The Pilgrimage Of Life** – Takes an intimate look at the life of Bishop Charles Agyinasare. It is filled with never-before-told stories of his first 40 years.
- **The Impact Of Prayer** – Learn how to pray with more fervency and consistency in order to receive answers to prayer. This book is your source to help you win the invisible war.
- **Good Manners And Etiquette** – This book assembles and clarifies the importance of a wide range of good manners and unwritten rules of etiquette that assure a smooth and a well-ordered society.
- **Pastoral Protocol** – This book will help the minister escape spiritual disaster and ministerial suicide by equipping him or her with ethics for success.
- **Breaking The Power Of Alcohol, Drugs, And Tobacco** – This book

will enable you and your loved ones to break the power of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco and find deliverance from these evil habits.

- **Dealing With Lust, Love, And Sexual Sins** – Learn how to manage the menace that is eating away the next generation, destroying marriages, and breaking down the foundation of society, which is the family.
- **Celebrating Marriage** – This book will help you love your spouse and also encourage you to be best friends and passionate lovers.

DEALING WITH SEX, LUST, LOVE & SEXUAL SINS
ABOUT THE AUTHOR
DEALING WITH SEX, LUST, LOVE & SEXUAL SINS
ABOUT THE AUTHOR