

SEX

in

the

City



Disclaimers

- 1) I am not an expert on sex
- 2) I am neither a model or victim of sexual temptation in the workplace
- 3) Today's message is R21 and addressed to an adult audience

Value & Meaning of Work

- 1) Living out the God-nature in us (*“On the 7th day God completed His work ...” Gen 2:2*)
- 2) Revealing God’s glory (*“God created man in His image” Gen 1:27*)
- 3) Enjoying God and His Blessings (*“and He rested” Gen 2:2*)

Sex

- Inseparable in both our existence and witness in the workplace
- We are sexual beings!

Sex

- Gift from God as a means of glorifying Him as we fulfill its design for procreation, intimacy, comfort, and physical pleasure.
- It is a fulfillment of God's created order in marriage between husband and wife.

Genesis 1:27-28

“²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it...”

1 Corinthians 7:2-3

“² ...each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. ³ The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs.”

Intimacy & Communion

John 10:30 - “I and the Father are one.”

Genesis 2:24 - “24 ..a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”

The real “Sex In The City”?

Sex in the City

- Gospel of instant self gratification
- Sex is all about pleasure – self pleasure
- Procreation is simply one of the by-products while intimacy often does not exist
- Monogamy is an alien concept

“Life is short. Have an affair”

Moral Dilemma?

Sex in the City

- Sexual temptation is everywhere and nowhere more evident and lurking than in the workplace where majority of us spend most of our waking hours.

Is This Relevant?

- Beyond yourself, what about your children, your extended family, your spiritual children in church, your colleagues, your friends?
- Do you have a role to play in influencing and shaping their views on sex that is more in line with the Word of God rather than the world's?

Philippians 2:14-15

“¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure,
“children of God without fault in a warped and
crooked generation.” Then you will shine among
them like stars in the sky.”

Matthew 5:27-28

“²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Focus On The Family

“Nobody wakes up one day and suddenly decides to begin an extramarital affair. Infidelity begins in the heart and mind. By the time a person physically commits adultery, he or she has been indulging for quite some time in progressively more intense mental and emotional affairs. Likewise, marital fidelity begins long before marriage.

Focus On The Family

“...It begins as a promise we make to ourselves to be a person of faithful character before marriage ever enters the picture. It is a promise we make to our future spouse when we get engaged, and it is a vow we make to our spouse when we get married. Marital fidelity is a daily commitment to seek the best for your spouse and family.”

**Pornography is one of the worst
affairs of the mind**

Sexuality of Death - Dr Bing Wall

“ The Sexuality of Life is the life-giving, mutual and meaningful sexuality between a husband and wife. Everything else creates or simulates death and depravity (rape, sexual abuse, sodomy, abortion, and pornography, to name a few, including BDSM). Some people believe that if you are married you can do whatever you want in your marriage bed. I do not hold this belief.

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“...Just because you are married, this does not take away the meaning of your actions. Your actions speak louder than words. You can be selfish and hurtful about sexuality just like you can be hurtful and selfish about anything else. The problem with hurt in the sexual arena is that it is so traumatic. You can bring the Sexuality of Death into your marriage if you are not careful.”

2 Samuel 11:1-5

“¹ In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. ² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,...

2 Samuel 11:1-5

“...³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home.⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.””

Verse 1

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Galatians 5:16

“¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (NKJV)

Bible Commentator

“As I think of what happened, of this I am sure, that it did not happen all at once. This matter of Bathsheba was simply the climax of something that had been going on in his life for twenty years.”

**Most affairs begin as an innocent
connection between two people**

**The damage begins when you find
yourself sharing information,
thoughts or feelings that should have
been kept between you and your
spouse**

"We're just friends."

"He's never touched me."

"We aren't doing anything wrong."

Verse 2

“² One evening David got up from his bed and **walked** around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,...

**While men have no excuse, women
also have a role to play to never be an
occasion for others to sin**

Verse 2

“² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,...

**If one woman isn't enough, 1,000
women won't be enough either**

Verse 3

“...³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”

“I could get away with this”

Warning Signs

- Looking for ego boosts outside your marriage
- Neglecting to talk openly with each other
- Resisting conflict resolution
- Discounting fun and relaxation together
- Increasing the time you spend apart
- Allowing daily stresses and fatigue to sabotage your intimacy
- Letting your love life fizzle instead of sizzle
- Giving in to predictability
- Living in denial
- Forgetting your commitment to each other
- Failing to resist come-ons and temptations

Verse 4

⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home.

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**Many adulterers secretly wish death
would free them to marry the object
of their adultery**

Confession & Repentance

- Asking for forgiveness from God and your spouse.
- This may take years of counselling and work to regain trust. Emotional healing will take time.
- Don't be afraid to seek help and support.
- Speak to the pastors who can help you through the process.
- Change your work environment if necessary.

Genesis 39:7-10

“⁷ and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” ⁸ But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” ¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.”

Kingdom Community

- Choose to stand together as a kingdom community and not only live by God's standard individually but also shine forth as a community of stars to refute and to debunk the sexual practises of the world at our workplace, with our families and beyond.

Timothy Keller

“Paul is calling the church not just to individual moral behavior but to be a kingdom community in which the world’s values do not hold. Notice that Paul lumps broken sexuality and greed together. Moderns view sex as a medium of exchange for fun and convenience and view money as something sacred, special, worth sacrificing for, not something easily shared. But biblical Christianity espouses just the opposite view. Money is merely an exchange, a way to procure goods and services. It is not special or sacred; it is something to be shared, to be given away to those who need it. **Sex, on the other hand, is sacred and special and to be enjoyed only in the right context of pointing us toward the eternal.**

Timothy Keller

Paul, then, is calling Christians not just to individual moral behavior but to form a community in which consumerism—both sexual and material — is rejected.

Christians will fall prey to the world's views of sex unless we create a community, an alternative city. In this alternative city, singles enjoy their kingdom mission and practice sexual abstinence joyfully. They live in community with Christian families, who do not make an idol out of family or make singles feel abnormal. One of the reasons it is hard to practice the discipline of sex-free romantic involvement is that we don't have a sufficiently large community of people creating this alternative city."