

The Strait and Narrow Way

Matt. 7:13-14




If Your Right Eye Makes You Stumble



Matthew 5:27-30

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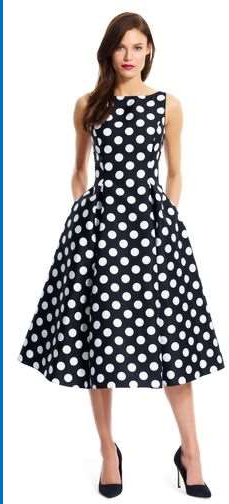
1. God created a woman for a man.
2. God created within man and woman a holy sexual desire for each other.
3. That desire can **ONLY** be lawfully fulfilled in a holy marriage.
4. Adultery is the unlawful sexual relationship with someone other than your spouse.



"You shall not commit adultery."
Exodus 20:14

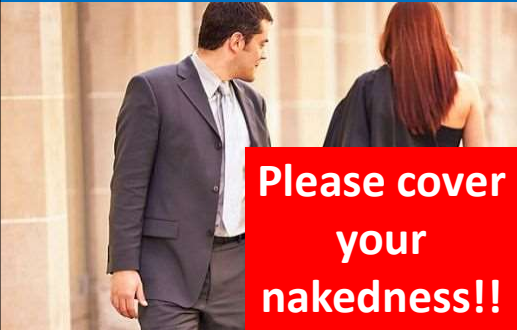
God's Law was very explicit:
Leviticus 20:10-16

Yet, it seems that the Jews read the Law this way:
"You shall not COMMIT adultery."



Matt 5:27-28

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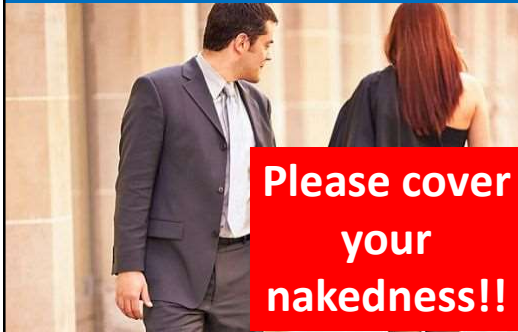


Please cover your nakedness!!

Just as anger in the heart is murder – unbridled lust in the heart is adultery.
Matthew 5:21-22

But God's OT Law covered the heart too.
Exodus 20:17

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Even Job understood where adultery comes from (Job 31:1).

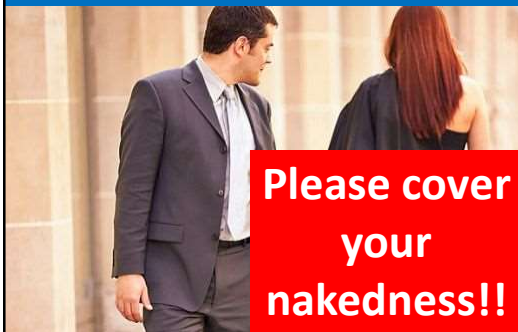
NAS *"I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I **gaze at** a virgin."* Job 31:1

"gaze at" means "to discern" or consider carefully or "to separate mentally"

NIV *"I made a covenant with my eyes not **to look lustfully** at a girl."*

KJV *"I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I **think upon** a maid?"*

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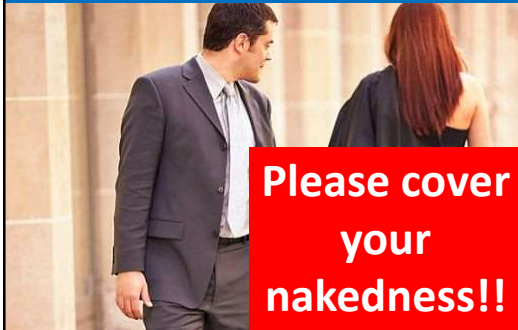


- Jesus was *"tempted in all things as we are, yet with out sin."* Heb.4:15

Important to understand:

- There is a difference in temptation and sin.
- *"looks on a woman to lust for her"* Mat.5:28
- *"lust"* is the desire to possess one that you have no right
- Just seeing a woman is not lust. 2 Sam.11:2-5

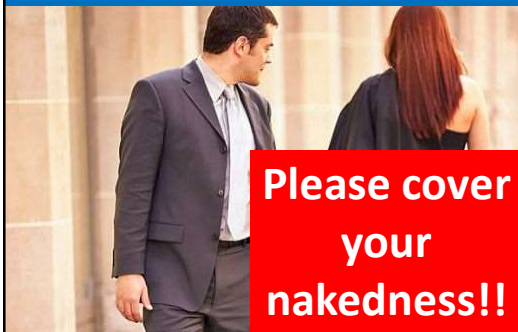
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**Jesus said, sexual
immorality comes
from the heart
(Matthew 15:19)**

- **Men like to look -**
Proverbs 6:24f; 7:5f
- **Women like to be looked at -**
1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-5

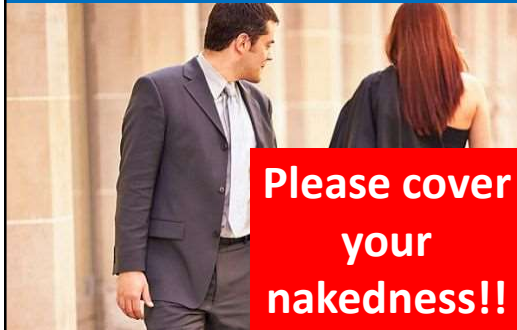
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Attention Ladies!!!

- Who is doing wrong in this picture?
- Certainly the man is.
- But what about the woman?
- Does she look like a woman *"making a claim to godliness"*?
1 Tim 2:10

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**Please cover
your
nakedness!!**

- Exposed breasts and thighs in Scripture is nakedness and tempts others to lust.
Mat 18:6
Rom 14:13, 21

Attention Ladies!!!

- Exposed breasts
-nursing babies
-sexual Pro 5:19
- Exposed buttocks
Isa 20:4
- Exposed thighs
Exo 28:42
Isa 47:1-3
- Nakedness shameful
Lam 1:8
Rev 16:15

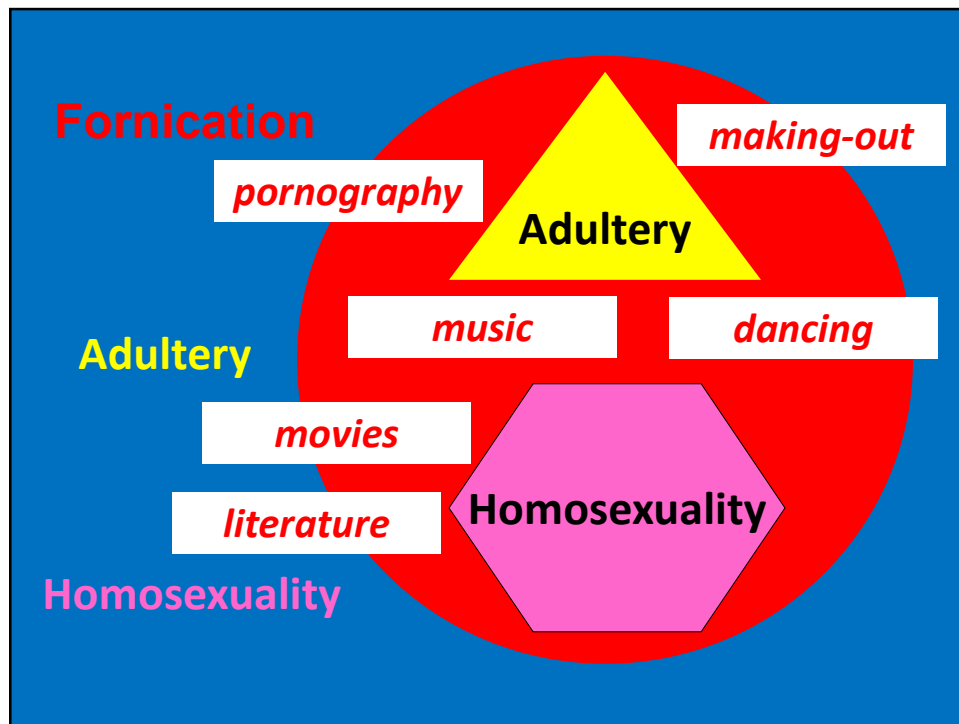


Sexual Immorality

- Sexual immorality was a major problem with the early church.
- Only NT books NOT dealing with this sin: 2 Thess., Philemon, 2 and 3 John.

Sexual Immorality

- Why was the NT **church** so greatly affected (infected) by sexual immorality?
- an ungodly world (1 Jn 2:15-17)
- sensual religious idolatry (2 Cor 6:14-18)
- ungodly companions (1 Cor 15:34)
- going to the wrong places (1 Cor 8:10-12)



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Matthew 5:29-30

What shall a man give in exchange for his life?

- Do you need surgery?
- Surgery is necessary to remove a life threatening body part.
- What about spiritually?
- Figurative removal of an eye or hand is essential to eternal life. Col.3:5; Gal.5:24

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Matthew 5:29-30

"flee fornication"

I Cor. 6:18

"purify your hearts"

James 4:8

*"Therefore, putting away all
filthiness and all that remains
of wickedness, in humility
receive the word implanted,
which is able to save your
souls."*

James 1:21

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Obeying the Gospel

- **Hear the gospel** (Romans 10:17)
- **Believe** (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30)
- **Confess** (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
 - ***"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."***
- **Be baptized** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)
- **Live faithfully** (Hebrews 10:36)