

# SEXUAL IMMORALITY

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*Identifying the Problem and Finding a Solution*

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## ➤ Hebrews 13.4

- Sexual activity is a natural and expected part of the marriage relationship
- Sexual activity outside of the marriage relationship is condemned

## ➤ Matthew 19.4-5

- Marriage is an institution created by God
- Marriage rooted “in the beginning” — not simply an outgrowth of the Law of Moses
- Marriage involves two: man and wife

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- **Hebrews 13.4**
- **Matthew 19.4-5**
- **Romans 1.26-27**
  - **Males were not made for sex with males**
  - **Males were not made for sex with females**
  - **Husband/wife made for sex with each other — this is natural!**
  - **Sexual activity placed within the confines of marriage (Heb. 13.4; Mt. 19.4f)**
  - **Sexual activity outside of marriage is “unnatural” and thus condemned by God**

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- **Heterosexual activity outside of marriage**
  - Hebrews 13.4; John 8.41
- **Homosexual activity**
  - Jude 7 (cf. Genesis 19.4-11)
- **Is not limited to reproductive activity**
  - Jude 7

# TWO CALLS FROM GOD

- **Flee — I Corinthians 6.18**
  - Actively avoid sexual immorality
  - Responsive
- **Holiness — I Thessalonians 4.3**
  - Actively pursue holiness, which impacts all sexual behavior
  - Forward-thinking; planning
  - Addresses more than *porneia*
    - Improper lust (Mt. 5.28); impurity and lasciviousness (Gal. 5.19)



# A CULTURAL PROBLEM

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- “Billions and billions served”?
  - 33.5 billion visits to a major porn site in 2018
  - Now over 100 million visits/day
  - 2 hours of content are upload every minute
  - 29% of visitors are female
  - 18-24 not the largest demographic — 25-34
  - 80% of traffic by tablet or smartphone

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- **A New Perspective:**
  - Over 40% of surveyed Americans indicate that pornography is “morally acceptable”
  - Pornography consumption is correlated with positive attitudes toward extramarital affairs
  - BitDefender indicates 10% of porn site visitors are less than 10 years old
  - Average age of first exposure is 11

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- **Break away from people who will compromise my purity - 1 Peter 4.3f**
- **Follow the example of Jesus - 1 Pet. 2.21ff**
- **Don't be defined by my past - 1 Cor. 6.9-11**