

GOD’S PLAN ON SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE: BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract

Sexual immorality is a worldwide problem. Sexual immorality has wasted a lot of youths and matured men and women. Most of our young people dreams are shattered as a result of sexual immorality. Sexual immorality has become the order of the day. Most of our youths no longer cherish their dignity and they have lost their emotions. Our youths do not see premarital sex as immoral, but they see it as a way of life, (why?), it is because, they are not properly groomed. “Thou shall not commit adultery” is not limited to sex outside marriage (Exodus 20:14). God commands us to abstain from all sexual immorality, including premarital sex (fornication), homosexuality, incest, bestiality, public nudity, etc (see Leviticus chapters 18 and 20). God never painted sexual perversion, He specifically call it “perverted” (Deuteronomy 23:17, Judges 19:24), “Uncleanness” (Romans 1:24), “shameful” (Romans 1:27), “against nature” (Romans 1:26). To avoid fornication the Bible suggests for every man to have his own wife. 1 Corinthians 7:2, “but because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.” This research discovered that there are many factors that contribute to sexual immorality, such as poverty, poor upbringing, moral decadence of parents without inculcating the ethical value on the children, lack of sexual education, lack of contentment, and so on. The research discovered that this sexual immorality causes everlasting sorrow, unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, rape, conflict etc. The research suggested some remedies to sexual immorality, such as: sexual education, contentment, self discipline, decent dressing, public enlightenment, and healthy environment. Primary and secondary data was used. This research is limited to Anambra State.

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The word of God which is bible, has clearly forbids every type of sex outside of marriage. Disobedience to this has spiritual consequences. “...God will judge fornicators and adulterers” (Hebrew 13:4). It was sexual sin that brought destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). Great trouble and grief came to David (who slept with the wife of Uriah), and Ruben (who slept with his father’s wife). Amnon raped Absalom’s Sister Tamar and it caused him his life.

Without the committed bonds of marriage, sex is inherently a selfish act done for personal satisfaction or gain. God has set marriage as the proper place for sex. We are protected within this boundary. Faithful husbands and wives do not have to fear catching diseases. Sex does not constitute love. As Christians, we are to develop agape love, the kind of love God has for us that gives with no expectation of getting something in return. Marital sex is a model of God’s provision to draw us closer to one another and to Him.

Today, young people and old people are convinced with the world's standard of morality. The values and moral standards which were endorsed by God are now ridiculed and ignored by many. Teaching on sexual purity before and after marriage is no longer held before young people as a law of God. Everybody wants sexual freedom and it is now flaunted as the norm among people of all ages. This immoral life-style has physical, emotional, spiritual and relational effects on people.

The experiences that occur in the family have the ability to either promote or hinder the development of its members. In other words, families play an important role in the development of individuals. Sexual immorality is one of the causes of family conflicts that threaten the stability of the family relations. These conflicts can lead to separation, annulment or divorce. However, few people may choose to stay no matter the type and height of the problem. Family conflicts, such as parental infidelity and divorce, often lead to unhealthy and risky behaviour, poor attachment styles, and interpersonal relationship struggles at the present time and in the future for children in these families. (Sori, 2007)

Definition

The Family

Family, according to Oxford dictionary "... is a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption that live together as a unit, all such related persons are considered as members of one family." The family can also be defined as the basic social unit consisting of persons united by ties of marriage (affinity), "blood" (consanguinity) or adoption and usually representing a single household.

The commonest form of a family is the nuclear family, consisting of the marital pair living with their children in a separate abode. We also have polygamous family consisting of a husband, two or more wives, and their kids. We also have polyandry type of family which is made up of wife with two or more husbands. The extended family includes at least parents, married children and their offspring.

Sex and Marriage

From the account of the first marriage in Genesis 1 to 2, we can deduce four principles on marriage namely: (a) that marriage is sacred. (b) Marriage is exclusive. (c) Marriage is covenant. (d) Marriage is permanent.

Marriage is a part of God's plan for humanity. God ordained marriage as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman through which the human race is propagated. (See Matthew 19). In the book of Proverbs 5:18-19 we can see that sex in marriage is more of physical pleasure. It is deeper satisfaction that God intends in a loving marriage. Marriage and sex are original of God's plan. If sex in marriage is carried out according to God's plan, there shall be deeper relationship and greater joy in marriage.

Sexuality and marriage

Sexuality is the basis of the desire for male and female to be united in a one flesh union called marriage. Such a union is physical, relational, exclusive, and permanent. God intended sexual

desire to draw people to marriage, not merely to sex. Understanding what the bible teaches about the nature and purpose of marriage is very important.

Sexuality

Sexuality is a drive behind everyone's feeling, thoughts and behaviour. It is a means of biological reproduction. It shapes human brain and body to pleasure seeking. Sexuality is about your sexual feelings, thoughts, attractions and behaviours towards other people. Sexuality is part of the creation order. It is to be expressed in biblical bounded relationships with joy, and not shame. God's original plan is that sex will lead us to a deeper understanding of ourselves, of others and of God.

Sex and purity

Biblical stand on this is very clear as we can see in Hebrews 13:4 "Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous" (ESV).

Sex outside marriage is seen as irresponsible. Infidelity to marriage covenant is damaging to the spouse, children and to oneself. Individuals both married and unmarried will always experience sexual urge which may lead to sinful thoughts or sinful behaviours. Because of this, it is people must keep away from pornographic images, foul and demeaning language, sexual fantasies, lust or mental dehumanization of others based on their gender or sexual orientation. Sexual temptation can serve as an opportunity for spiritual and relational growth. Christians can see sexual temptations as an affirmation of their identity as sexual beings and as a reminder of their dependence on God.

Meaning of human sexuality

"Human sexuality is most broadly defined as the totality of experiences, systems, attributes, and behavior that characterize the sexual sensation, reproduction, and intimacy of Homo sapiens" (Anderson, K. 2008).

Challenges on sexuality

Biblical understanding of sexuality today is ridiculed as being outdated. It is also viewed as dangerous by many governments, higher institutions and the media. Biblical beliefs about marriage, gender, and sexuality are called intolerant in an effort to drive these beliefs from the public square. Ironically, these efforts in the name of tolerance have resulted in increased intolerance on the part of secularists toward Christians who want to live their lives peaceably and in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs.

Sexual perversion

Any type of sexual activity regardless of the sex of the participants was traditionally considered perverse. To pervert something is to turn it away from its natural course. Some examples of such perversions are:

- Recurrent urge to expose the genitals to another person
- Use of objects for sexual pleasure
- Pedophilia as the desire to have sex with children
- Masochism as the desire to be beaten, tied up, humiliated or made to suffer

- Sadism as the urge to cause pain and humiliation as a form of sexual excitement
- Necrophilia as the desire to have sex with dead bodies
- Bestiality as the desire to have sex with animals

What the Bible says about sexual perversion (from forerunner commentary)

In the book of Exodus 20:14, it is written “thou shalt not commit adultery.” God gives this commandment to protect the honour and sanctity of marriage. Within marriage, sex is fully sanctioned by God, but otherwise, its practice causes great harm. In principle, this commandment covers all forms of illicit sex, including fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, and pedophilia. In the book of Leviticus 18:22 it is written “thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” See also Leviticus 20:13. Paul includes lesbianism in the condemnation as we can see in the book of Romans 1:26 “; for even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.” In the book of 1 Corinthians 6:9, it is clearly written, neither homosexuals, nor sodomites will inherit the kingdom of God.” Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed as a result of sexual perversion. The tribe of Benjamin was nearly exterminated because of horrifying incident that began with the perverse sin. (See Judges 19-21). During the reign of Rehoboam of Judah, it was recorded in the book of 1 Kings 14:24 “and there were also perverted persons in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.” (Perverted persons mean those practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals).

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON SEX

The Bible clearly prohibits certain actions about sexuality, such as:

Adultery: This sin is condemned in the book of Exodus, “Thou shalt not commit adultery” Exodus 20:14 KJV). This is the sin of a married person having sex with another person other than his/her spouse.

Incest: This is the sin of sexual contact between close relatives. It is condemned in the book of Leviticus 18:6-18. “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...” See also Leviticus 20:11-22 “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 ...”

Homosexual intercourse: This sin is condemned in the book of Leviticus 18:22 “Thou shalt not lie with a male as with womankind; it is abomination.” See also Romans 1:26-27

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.

Fornication/sexual Immorality: Fornication is condemned in the following passages of the bible Galatians 5:19 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness” KJV). See also 2 Corinthians 12:21 and Acts 15:29.

Bestiality: This sin is the act of sexual intercourse with animals and human beings. This sin is condemned in the book of Leviticus 20:15-16 “And if a man lies with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if any 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”

Rape: This is the sin of forcing sexual acts upon another person. This sin is condemned in the book of Deuteronomy 22:25-29

But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die. But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is the damsel no sin worthy of death; for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayth him, even so is this matter: For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her. If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not bethrothed, 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 (KJV).

Lust: This is the sin of indulging in ordinate desire for using another person's body sexually in our imaginations in a way that would be immoral in real life. This sin is condemned in the book of Matthew 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.”

Engaging in sexual intercourse before marriage: “Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband” (1Corinthians 7:2 KJV). Paul wrote that Christians must control their sexual desires and that those who cannot do so ought to marry. Paul however advised Timothy to flee youthful passions and pursue instead things that make for pure living “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22 KJV).

CAUSES OF SEXUAL PERVERSION/ IMMORALITY

Okafor Udah (2006) and Saucy (2009), identified the following as the causes of sexual immorality:

- Lack of relevant education for the youths
- Peer group influence
- Drug abuse
- Pornographic films and literatures
- Parents neglects of their duties as model to their own children
- Influence from TV and videos
- Permissiveness of our modern society
- Unemployment
- Increased advertisement on the use of condoms and contraceptives
- Lack of sound moral conduct among adults and youths
- Prostitution
- Poor counseling services in homes and schools
- Poverty
- Increase in the sex urge

To end the above enumerated causes of sexual immorality, the youths should be enlightened and equipped with good home background, which will effectively help them to overcome the challenges of immorality.

EFFECTS OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY ON THE INDIVIDUAL

In time like this, there were wild spreads of adulterated information about immorality. The value and moral standards which were implemented for years past; norms and ethics are ignored by many. Teaching on sexual purity before and after marriage is no longer available. Sexual freedom is widespread as norm among teenagers and adult. Our anticipation and incentive for the young people to maintain their virginity and adhere to God law that governs sexuality was in dashed to the ground.

The effects of sexual immorality are both on the individual and the society. Isangedighi (2004) and Okafor-Uda (2006) highlighted the following as some of the effects of sexual immorality:

- Feeling of disappointment and regret over loss of virginity
- Unwanted pregnancy
- Abortion/childlessness
- Loosing fellowship with God
- Untimely death due to unsafe abortion
- Sexual transmitted infections/diseases
- Illegitimate children
- Teen parenting
- Rape
- Early marriage
- Unattended educational goals (school dropouts)
- Unreliable birth control

REMEDIES TO SEXUAL IMMORALITY

Okafor-Udah (2006) suggests the following:

- Self discipline by individuals
- Ability to say “No” to evil
- Proper dressing code to be enforced
- Disassociation of the use of alcohol
- Barn on pornographic films and related materials
- Avoid close contact with the opposite sex
- Exclusive avoidance of occasions that may lead to sexual acts
- Contentment
- Improve counseling services
- Sound moral standard
- Bible reading, prayers, and fellowship with other Christians

To minimize immoral acts, all hands must be on deck. Government must develop good conducive environment and reduce or ban the use of contraceptive. Parents must show good model to their children. Young people must imbibe good character. Nudity must be discouraged. Conformity to

God's law could bring health, joy, peace and eliminate nine-tenths of all diseases. Conformity to God's law could eliminate unfaithfulness, divorce, conflicts, and rape.

GOD'S PLAN ON MARRIAGE: BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

When Jesus was asked questions about marriage, He went straight back to the defining passages in Genesis that say that marriage is between male and female and is meant to be life long. And "He answered and said to them, have you not read that he who made them at the beginning made them male and female?" (Matthew 19:4 (NKJV)). "But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female" (Mark 10:6 (NKJV)). He saw the creation accounts in Genesis as authoritative in His day. And what is authoritative for Jesus is authoritative for Christians also. His establishments of the Genesis passages as the fundamental passages are the fundamental passages on marriages (even more fundamental than the law). It is from the Bible that the church draws her theology and guide for faith and its practice. So if the scriptures address the subject of marriage; sexuality, all forms of sexual immoralities which include homosexuality, the church by definition must accord them credibility.

Marriage is a fundamental social institution that does not exist just for the emotional satisfaction of two individuals but for the greater good of the community which stands under the blessing or curse of God. Societies that put emotional fulfillment before right actions and principles of marriage will soon collapse. God will judge any society that institutes and disobey God's plain on sexuality and marriage. We cannot bend the principles of God's word to suit vocal minority groups. Some nations may enact laws permitting this perversion of God's plan for sexuality and marriage and evils of immorality, but the true church of God must stand resolutely firm and never allow the sanctioning of sexual immorality and broken marriages.

In the book of Genesis it is written "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

Marriage involves spiritual, emotional and physical closeness. Married couples are meant to be united in every way. The account of the first marriage provides us with four principles that frame and inform all subsequent biblical reflection on marriage:

1. Marriage is permanent: A man and woman leave their families of origin and are united together in a long life relationship.
2. Marriage is exclusive
3. Marriage is a sacred covenant
4. Sexual differentiation is part of God's plan for marriage. God did not create androgynous beings. He created two complementary, biologically, and genetically sexed individuals.

GOD'S PLAN ON SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE: BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

1. **God's plan for sex is that Sex is good:** "They were naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:25 KJV). The bible says that the first husband and wife were naked and not ashamed. In the book of Proverbs we can see the instruction of the father to his son thus: "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love" (Proverbs 5:18-19 KJV). In the book of Hebrews 13:4, it is written "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and

adulterers God will judge.” From the above discussions, we can see that it is the plan of God that sex between husband and wife should be honoured and enjoyed without shame.

2. **Sex is meant to be intimate experience between husband and wife:** that is to say sexual intimacy. “Therefore shall a man leaves his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24 KJV). The cleave here simply means to join. This shows that couples should share in each other’s pain and joy. This is physical intimacy.
3. **Sexuality is part of marriage:** It is designed for enriching marriage. In the book of Genesis 2:24 “Therefore shall a man leaves his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24 KJV). Becoming one in flesh was God’s plan for marriage relationship. That is to say that husband and wife should become one before God both in the physical, emotional and in the spiritual. The book of Proverbs 5:18-19 encourages couples to enjoy each other and avoid other sexual immoralities. “
4. **Sex is God’s plan to multiply and fill the earth:** The book of Genesis tells us

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 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 living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:27-28 KJV).

5. **Sex outside marriage is sin:** “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4 KJV). This simply means that husband and wife are meant to be faithful to God and to each other.
6. **Sexual immorality is a sin not only against God but also against a person’s body:** In the book of 1Corinthians, it is written:

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 you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s (1Corinthians 6:18-20 KJV).

Husband and wife cheating on each other is not only dishonouring their marriage, but, also dishonouring God.

7. **God values sexual purity:** “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling saviour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints” (Ephesians 5:1-3 KJV). Husband and wife were called to live without immorality.
8. **Avoid sexual immorality:** God wants us to avoid sexual immorality as it is written in the book of 1 Thessalonians:

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such; as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man but God, who hath also given us his Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 KJV)

9. **Husband and wife owe sex to each other:** It is written in the book of 1Corinthians 7:3-4 “Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also 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” (1Corinthians 7:3-4 KJV).
10. **Sex should not be deprived among husband and wife to avoid temptation:** 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” (1Corinthians 7:5 KJV).

EFFECTS OF DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD’S PLAN ON SEXUALITY

1. There could be unwanted pregnancy and sexually Transmitted Disease (STDs) which could cripple one or kill one and make life miserable.
2. It could lead to cervical cancer, a disease that is proven to be more prevalent among sexually active teenage girls.
3. Sexual involvement wipes out trust in relationship.
4. Premarital sex increases the rate of cheating after marriage.
5. Guilt is another consequence of violating God’s standard of chastity until marriage. This may haunt and affect a person longer than any other consequence. This causes the joy intended by God for husband and wife to be robbed and clouded. Guilt is an awareness of having transgressed a standard of right and wrong.
6. It leads to misleading feelings. This often comes from confusion between sex and love. Sex outside marriage turns the relationship upside down and mixes emotion to the point of misinterpreting feelings.
7. Premarital sex has a serious adverse effect on the image of the partners. Rather than joy, an emotionally crippling guilt seems to be the companion of permissive sex.
8. Humiliation and a poor self image come to many after sleeping with a person who never calls back or breaks off the relationship.
9. Emotional damage always comes as a result of fornication and adultery.
10. Sex before marriage hinders communication. There are damaged family relationships as a result of sex before marriage. There are children who come as a result of fornication and adultery. The exploding violence among teens has direct relationship to children born out of wedlock and raised by a single parent. What God intended as a blessing of man and woman’s love brings shame, embarrassment and trouble.
11. Damaged relationship with parents also comes as a result of unlawful sexual behaviour.
12. There is often disappointment and regret at lost of virginity.
13. You will lack peace. 1Corinthians 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” (KJV).
14. Sexual sin causes inner conflict. It causes inner turmoil ie inner trouble/disturbance.
15. You will be in danger of going to hell for eternity. Matthew 5:27-30

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offended thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body

should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offends thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell (KJV).

16. A loss of personal closeness with God. In Psalm 51:11-12 David after he committed the sin of immorality prayed “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” (KJV).

17. You will miss out on sexual pleasure in marriage:

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 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 over his own body, but the wife (1Corinthians 7:2-4 KJV).

18. You will miss the Will of God and waste your life:

For this is the Will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God; that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit” (1Thessalonian 4:3-8 KJV).

CONCLUSION

Sex is good but it is not the ultimate. From all indication, the bible is telling us that marriage is good, sex is also good. Singleness is good, and celibacy is also good. According to Roy E. C. and Brain S. Rosner (2010),” they are all precious gifts given according to the wisdom and timing of the Lord for his glory and our everlasting good.”

Fornication is not a norm; it is a great sin to God and a dishonor to your body which is the temple of God. Lesbianism and Homosexuality are filthy and disgusting sin before God, flee from it; it brings everlasting sorrow and tear of the anus. These are abominations before God. He that demands sex from you before marriage does not love you. Sexual immorality can bring everlasting regrets in your life. Don’t get involved in masturbation; it can lead to psychological problem.

Many mainline Protestant denominations such as the Episcopal Church and Presbyterian Church (USA) changed their view on homosexuality. There is a striking correlation between rejecting the Bible as God’s authoritative word and accepting homosexuality. Denominations that continue to believe in the Bible’s trustworthiness and reliability remain committed to the church’s historic teaching on sexuality.

God’s plan for sexuality today is ridiculed as being outdated. It is also viewed as dangerous by many in government, higher education and the media. Biblical beliefs about marriage, gender, and sexuality are called intolerant in an effort to drive these beliefs from the public square. Ironically,

these efforts in the name of tolerance have resulted in increased intolerance on the part of secularists toward Christians who want to live their lives peacefully and in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs. (David Clossion, 2023).

We are in a generation in which sexual immorality is the order of the day. It is a major conqueror. It allured a lot of people including the young and adults, male and female, white and black, leaders and followers, Christian and non-Christians into permanent imprisonment. Many married men and women engage in illicit and illegal sexual activity. It is clearly understood that it is quickly advancing and gaining ground in the Church. Sexual immorality is like unquenchable. This does not come from God. Sexual immorality damages the soul. It has serious spiritual consequences, physical repercussions, and even the eternal doom of hell fire (Mike Omoasegun (2015).

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