

OUR DUTY AS CHILDREN OF GOD IS TO WARN BOTH THE RIGHTEOUS & THE WICKED:

- **WARNING!**
–Ezekiel 3:17-21

FORNICATION

- Definition:
 - Greek words: "Porneia" or "Pornos"
(“porn-o-graphy” = graphic depiction of fornication)
 - English words: "Fornication" or "Immorality"
 - Defined as: "Illicit sexual intercourse"
(Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words)
 - Illicit = Unlawful, Unapproved, Forbidden

Fornication = Sex OUTSIDE of marriage

FORNICATION

- "Sex OUTSIDE of Marriage" includes:
 - When both partners are unmarried
 - Adultery (when one or both partners are married to someone else, or both are unscripturally married to each other)
 - Homosexuality (when both partners are the same gender)
 - Group sex (with multiple partners)
 - Bestiality (with an animal)

Results of Fornication: Divorce & Broken Families

- Adultery is the cause of 17% of divorces in the United States
Associated Press
- 45-55% of married women and 50-60% of married men surveyed engage in extramarital SEX
Atwood & Schwartz, 2002 - Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy
- 47% percent of U.S. families report that pornography is a problem in their home
2003 Focus on the Family Poll
- Internet pornography was a significant factor in 2 out of 3 divorces
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 2003

Results of Fornication: Out-Of-Wedlock Births

- In 2007, 40% of all babies born in the United States were born to unwed mothers.

National Center For Health Statistics

Results of Fornication: Abortion (Infanticide)

- In 2008, 22% of all U.S. pregnancies ended in abortion.
- 66% of all U.S. abortions are obtained by unwed mothers.
- 50% of all U.S. abortions are obtained by women under 25 (17% by teenagers)
- Current U.S. Abortion Rate: 3,288 per day
= One baby killed every 24 seconds

Guttmacher Institute

GOD HAS REVEALED HIS DIVINE PLAN FOR MAN & WOMAN

- God created us male & female, and has commanded that all sexual relations occur only **INSIDE** the marriage relationship:
 - Genesis 1:27-28
 - Genesis 2:21-24
 - Matthew 19:4-6

SEXUAL RELATIONS ARE REGULATED BY GOD

FORNICATION CONDEMNED BY

- The Law of Moses
 - Deuteronomy 22:13-30 (also Leviticus 18 & 20)
- The Law of Christ
 - Matthew 15:19-20 (also Mark 7:21-23)

NEW TESTAMENT WARNINGS

- Fornication was one of the pagan practices from which Christians were told to abstain
 - Acts 15:28-29
- Fornication is called "lawless," "rebellious" & "contrary to sound teaching"
 - 1 Timothy 1:8-11

NEW TESTAMENT WARNINGS

- Fornicators will not inherit the kingdom of God
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - Galatians 5:19-24
 - Ephesians 5:3-6
- Fornicators will face the wrath of God
 - Colossians 3:5-6
- Fornicators will be judged by God
 - Hebrews 13:4

NEW TESTAMENT WARNINGS

- Warning to the church in Rome
 - Romans 1:26-2:6
- Warning to the church in Corinth
 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-11
- Warning to the church in Thyatira
 - Revelation 2:20-22
- Warning to the world - Prophecy of the final judgment of the immoral
 - Revelation 21:8

NEW TESTAMENT ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Abstinence is the will of God
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
- Flee from youthful lusts
 - 2 Timothy 2:22
- Deny ungodliness & worldly desires
 - Titus 2:11-13, Galatians 5:16-17

NEW TESTAMENT ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Lust conceived gives birth to sin
 - James 1:12-16, Matthew 5:27-28
- Abstain from fleshly lusts, the enemy of the soul
 - 1 Peter 2:11; 4:3-5
- Make no provision for the flesh (promiscuity/sensuality)
 - Romans 13:13-14, Mark 7:20-23, 1 John 2:15-17

NEW TESTAMENT ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Avoid Temptation
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
 - Genesis 39:7-12
 - Proverbs 7:6-23
 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-9
 - 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

NEW TESTAMENT ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Avoid Being A Temptation
 - Matthew 5:27-29
 - 1 Timothy 2:9-10
 - 1 Peter 3:3-4
 - Romans 14:13
 - Matthew 18:6-7

NEW TESTAMENT ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Practice Self Control
 - 1 Corinthians 6:15-20
 - Galatians 5:22-24; 6:7-8
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
 - 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 - Matthew 5:16
 - Matthew 16:24-27

NEW TESTAMENT ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Pray & Study to Grow Your Faith
 - Philippians 4:4-8
 - Colossians 4:5-6
 - Hebrews 13:15-16
 - 2 Peter 1:5-11
 - 2 Timothy 2:15
 - Romans 10:17

FLEE FORNICATION

- Practice abstinence
- Flee youthful lusts
- Deny ungodliness
- Say 'NO' to promiscuity & sensuality
- Avoid temptation & don't tempt others
- Practice self control
- Pray & study
- Teach others the truth

A FINAL WARNING

- Personal responsibility after knowing the truth
 - Hebrews 10:26-27

“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.”

The Invitation of Christ to receive the gift of Eternal Life

- Hear (Rom 10:14-17, James 1:21)
- Believe (Heb 11:6, Eph 2:8-10)
- Repent (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Rom 10:10, Matt 10:32-33)
- Be Baptized (Mk 16:16, Gal 3:23-27)
- Remain Obedient to God (Matt 7:21)