



SAVED!

A STUDY OF NEW
TESTAMENT CONVERSIONS
Week 6

Ephesians 4: 11-15

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4: 11-15

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

1 Corinthians 6: 9-10

*Or do you not know that the
unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom
of God? **Do not be deceived;**
neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor
adulterers, nor effeminate, nor
homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the
covetous, nor drunkards, nor
revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the
kingdom of God.*

Every one of us is
touched by these sins
either in our own lives or
lives of our children,
family and loved ones.

These sins are
destructive, enslaving
and highly addictive.

*“If you think you can’t fall
into sexual sin, then
you’re godlier than
David, stronger than
Samson, and wiser than
Solomon.”*

1 Corinthians 9:27

*but I discipline my body and
make it my slave, so that,
after I have preached to
others, I myself will not be
disqualified.*

Fornicators

How has the fallen world removed
this sin?

Television

Movies

Commercials

Internet

Billboards

Politicians

Books and Magazines

Sex is everywhere in our society today

Disney **HANNAH** **MONTANA**

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hannah Montana has left the building: Miley Cyrus says sex is 'cool' and 'magical'

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Miley Cyrus has taken another giant leap away from her child star alter ego, Hannah Montana.

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MILEY CYRUS REALIZED SHE WAS BISEXUAL WHEN SHE FILMED 'HANNAH MONTANA'

CHANEL ADAMS

Miley Cyrus is making headlines for coming out as bisexual to the world. Not only did the wild and crazy singer pose completely nude for the Spring, 2015, issue of *Paper* magazine, but she also spoke out about her sexuality. Miley Cyrus revealed that she came out to her mom, Tish Cyrus, when she was **just 14-years-old**.



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BRITNEY SPEARS I LOVE SEX But ...



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BREAKING NEWS



Britney Spears admits ... she ain't exactly the sexual dynamo she used to be back in her "I'm a Slave for

POP TARTS

New study says full-frontal nudity on prime-time TV up 6,300 percent over last year

By **Hollie McKay** · Published August 23, 2012 · FoxNews.com

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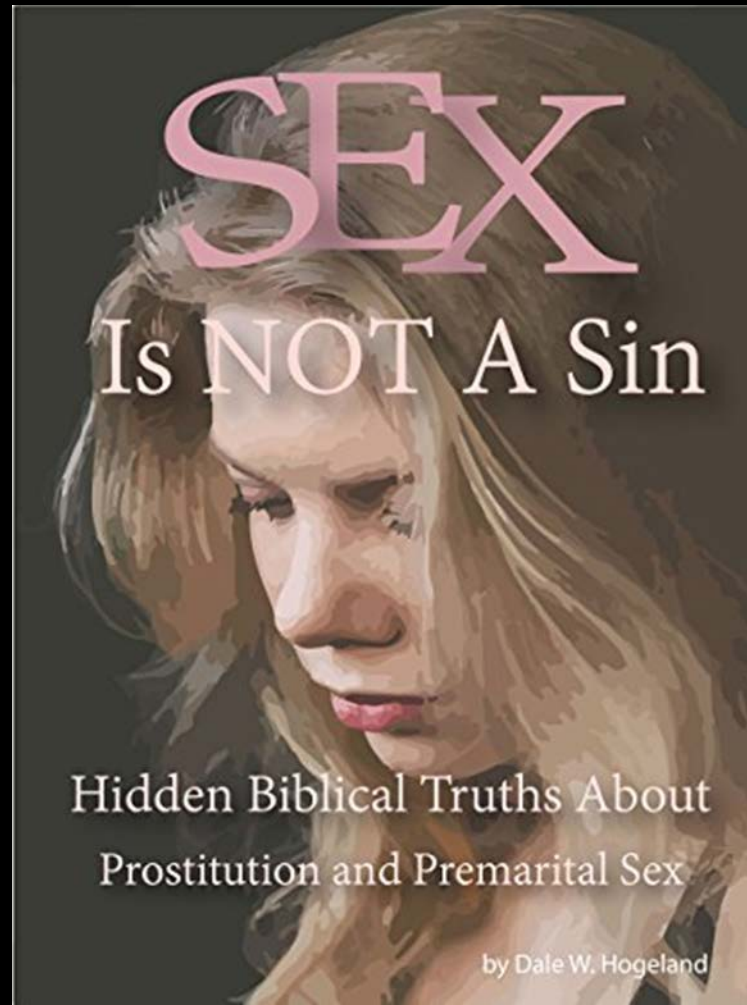
ON OUR RADAR

Ireland Baldwin
shows all
TMZ

But perhaps the most jaw-dropping finding was in regard to full-frontal nudity. While just one incidence of this occurred during the 2010-2011 study period, 64 documented full-frontal incidences occurred this past season, a 6,300 percent increase .

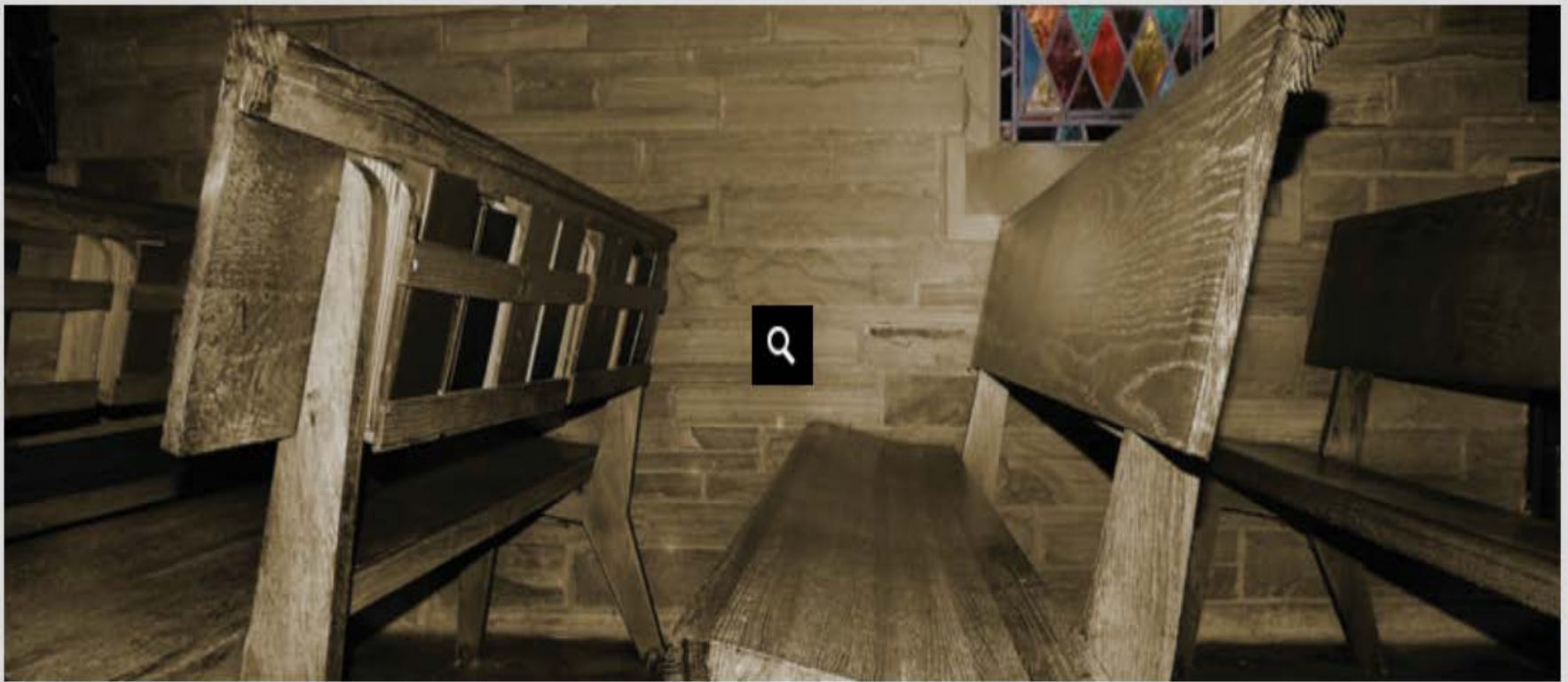
Fornicators

Are there examples of religious organizations removing this sin?



Based on facts that have been hidden from the public for centuries, he reveals what God's real intentions are regarding sex, sex before marriage and prostitution.

What you will discover flies in the face of main street religious doctrine that premarital sex is a sin, all prostitution is a sin and that anyone "lusting" after another to desire that person is adultery.



The Normalization of Porn in the Church: What the Church Needs to do Now

DAVID WHITE / ALARM, CHURCH, EPIDEMIC, FAMILY, NO CALLS TO ACTION, NORMALIZATION, PARENTS, PARTNER, PORN, SILENCE CRISIS / 3

Today, the church is facing a major crisis and there are few alarms going off. It is a silent crisis, one that is spreading in the shadows of secrecy and yet is doing great damage to the lives of those inside her walls.

I'm talking about the normalization of porn within the church. Pornography, which is now so widespread and accessible, seems to have become almost a non-issue for so many churches. Occasionally there are sermons which mention in passing the danger of it. A few bold churches have begun to set up support groups for those who have found themselves addicted to it. But mostly, silence.

According to a survey conducted by the Barna Group in the U.S. in 2014:

64% of self-identified Christian men and 15% of self-identified Christian women view pornography at least once a month (compared to 65% of non-Christian men and 30% of non-Christian women).

37% of Christian men and 7% of Christian women view pornography at least several times a week (compared to 42% of non-Christian men and 11% of non-Christian women).

39% of Christian men and 13% of Christian women say they believe their use of pornography is “excessive” (compared to 19% of non-Christian men and 12% of non-Christian women).


21% of Christian men and 2% of Christian women say they think they might be “addicted” to pornography or aren’t sure if they are (compared to 10% of non-Christian men and 4% of non-Christian women).

In August 2000, *Christianity Today* conducted an exclusive survey of its readership—both laity and clergy—on the issue of Internet pornography:

- ➔ 33% of clergy say they have visited a sexually explicit website.
- ➔ Of those who have visited sexually explicit websites, 53% say they have visited the sites a few times in the past year; 18% of clergy said they visited explicit websites between “a couple of times a month” and “more than once a week.”

➔ Among the clergy who use Internet porn, 30% do not talk to anyone about their behavior.

In 2002, of 1,351 pastors surveyed, 54% said they had viewed Internet pornography within the last year, and 30% of these had visited within the last 30 days.

A thick, expressive red brushstroke is drawn diagonally across the word "DON'T" in the first line of the title.

WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT

sermon series

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Where porn websites are hosted.



USA

- Out of all countries, the United States is the top producer of both pornographic websites and pornographic videos. In fact, the United States has produced 89% (244,661,900) of the pornographic web pages in the entire world. The average age of first exposure to Internet pornography is 11.

Pornography Time Statistics



Every second - \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography

Every second - 28,258 Internet users are viewing pornography

Every second - 372 Internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines

Every 39 minutes: a new pornographic video is being created in the United States

Brain activity in sex addiction mirrors that of drug addiction



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Image

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Pornography triggers brain activity in people with compulsive sexual behaviour – known commonly as sex addiction – similar to that triggered by drugs in the brains of drug addicts, according to a University of Cambridge study published in the journal PLOS

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Idolaters

This word is translated from the Greek
εἰδωλολάτραι (eidōlōlatrai)

What does the word idolater mean?

Idolaters

Idolatry is defined as:
extreme admiration, love, or reverence
for something or someone. Divine
honor paid to any created object.

In other words Idolatry is placing
anything equal to or above God.

Idolatry

what are some examples of this sin?

Sports

Family

Money

Cars

Homes

Self

Job

WHAT'S YOUR IDOL?

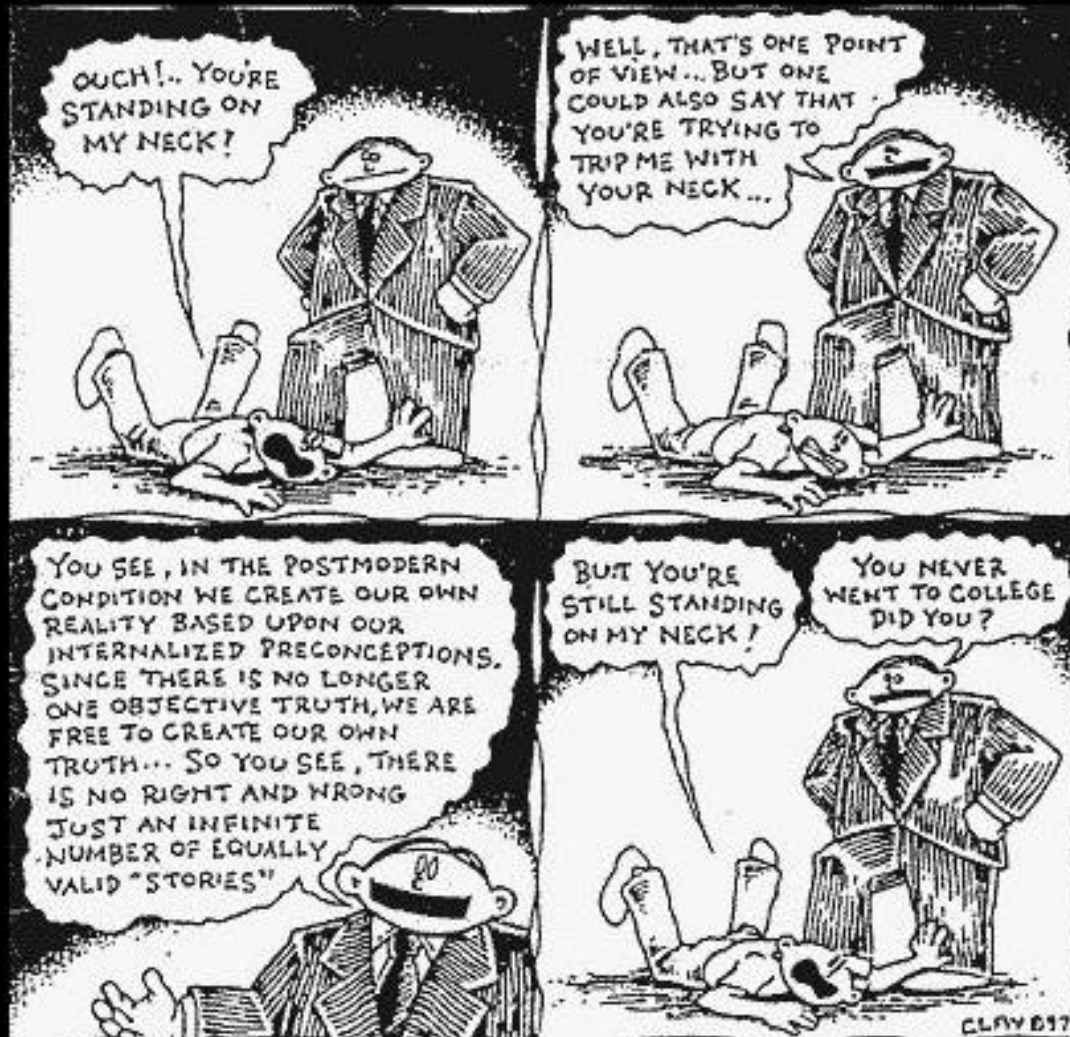
- What's the first thing you think about when you wake up in the morning?
- What keeps you up at night worrying?
- What do you turn to when you are in need?
- What do you talk about, dream about, and spend most of your day thinking about?
- What can you imagine your life never being good without?
- What would you fill in the blank when you say *"All I need is _____ and I'll be happy"*.

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"An idol is what keeps you up at night and gets you up in the morning. It's anything that replaces Jesus at the center of your life. It's what you turn to instead of God to get what you want." - Mark Driscoll

Idolatry

How has the fallen world removed this sin?





Problems Doing Evangelism in the World We Live in

“It is hard to proclaim the forgiveness of sins to people who believe that, since morality is relative, they have no sins to forgive.”

Gene Veith, *Postmodern Times*, p.16

“Destructive” Postmodernism

- No absolute truth
- “Truth” is just what the community says it is.
- No universal Reason
- No knowledge of the “real” world
- No moral absolutes



In other words- We are all gods
who decide what is right and
wrong and everyone does what
is right in their own eyes and
anyone that disagrees is an
intolerant bigot.

The world needs a King-
Jesus!

Judges 21:25

*In those days there was no king
in Israel; everyone did what was
right in his own eyes.*

Idolatry

Are there examples of religious organizations removing this sin?





Minister Creflo Dollar asks for \$60 million in donations for a new jet

By Sam Stringer, CNN

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6. Creflo Dollar Net Worth 2016 – \$27 Million



With Dollar in his name, was there any doubt this pastor would appear on such a list? Known as one of the flashiest of American Ministers, he owns a Rolls Royce, multiple \$2.5 million dollar estates and in recent years been given an F by the Ministry Watch for financial transparency. To make matters worse, Dollar was arrested in 2013 for allegedly attacking his own daughter but the charges were dropped after agreements to join anger management

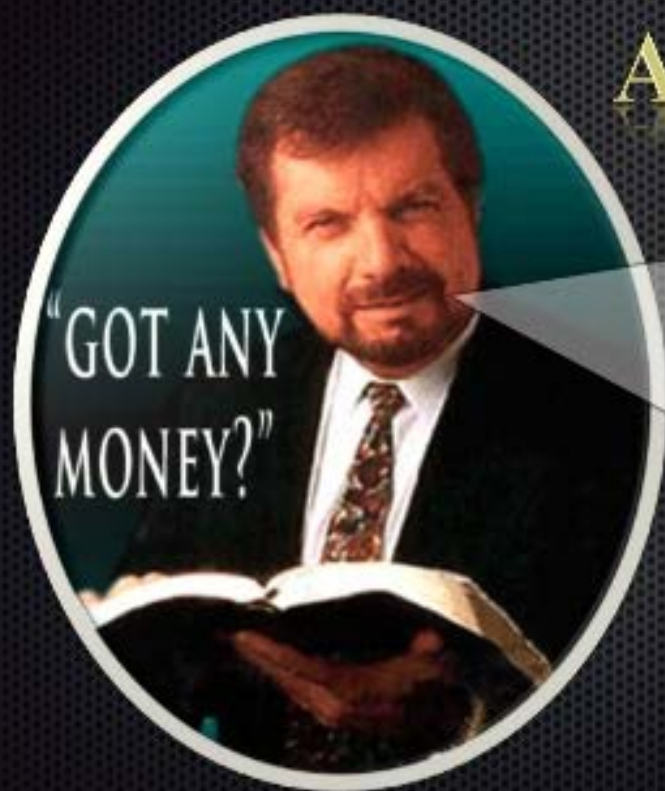
groups. He like quite a few of his comrades in this list preaches almost exclusively the “prosperity” gospel. While receiving a Bachelor’s in Science for Education from West Georgia College, it appears this pastor has yet to learn the intricacies of “Do unto Others”.

REAP WHAT YOU SOW

What Will You Reap?

FROM USE OF MATERIAL THINGS

AN ABUSED PRINCIPLE



"Plant your \$58 seed today, (\$1,000 would be better) – if you don't have it – take a step of faith – God will reward you abundantly . . . 'You must give in order to receive...'"

Auction Shows How Well Prosperity Gospel Treated Mike Murdock

BY JEREMY HALLOCK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AT 4:06 A.M.



This estate in Argyle, TX, is one of two belonging to Mike Murdock that are up for auction on Feb. 20.



WHEN SPORTS
BECOME GOD

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Are you sacrificing your kids to the sports god?

Categories: [Pastor's Post](#), [Uncategorized](#)

"Is it just a New England thing, or is this happening everywhere?" That's the question I asked myself as I saw more and more families skipping church for their kids' sporting events. Well, apparently this trend is not unique to New England. According to the Fall 2006 edition of [Leadership Journal](#), the overall busyness of families (which includes, but is not limited to, sports events), is keeping them away from church. Of the 490 pastors surveyed, 76 percent said that "the scale tipped toward family activities. This contrasts with the perception of 62 percent of respondents that a generation ago, free time was more likely to be spent on church commitments. The balance has shifted." In fact, **83 percent** of the pastors surveyed said they are aware of situations where people *routinely* choose family events over church commitments!

What types of activities are families opting for over church? According to *Leadership's* survey, the most common reasons families give to their pastors for missing church are "kids' activities and weekend trips." Nine in ten pastors hear this frequently.

Hmm. Does this suggest a problem to you? What are we to think when Sunday sports or other children's activities take precedence over worship on the Lord's Day? I have to agree with [R. Albert Mohler](#), who said on his own blog regarding this issue: "... When Christian parents take their kids to Little League games rather than worship on the Lord's Day, these parents teach their children that team sports are more important than the worship of God.

The Main Reason for Declining Church Attendance: Children's Sports?

Roundup of new religion research finds link.

Melissa Steffan [POSTED 4/8/2013 10:12AM]

Sunday used to be a day reserved by many Christians for attending worship services, but new research indicates the extent to which American churches today are competing against myriad other activities.

The biggest competition? Children's sports.


According to a [new study](#) published in the *Review of Religious Research*, an examination of declining attendance at 16 congregations revealed that many pastors place the most blame on children's sports activities, since both practices and competitions are increasingly "scheduled on Sunday mornings at the very time when many churches traditionally have provided religious education."

When I started ministry ... and really only up until about 15 or 20 years ago, no school, public school, or sports groups would dare schedule practices on a Sunday morning. Now it's just all over the place. We're competing with so many things. It's unbelievable, and it puts incredible pressure and tension on our families. The parents want the kids here, but if they miss practice they don't play in the game, or if they miss this they're off. So that whole shift has had a profound impact on worship attendance and participation in the life of the church.

*So the parents will make sure
Johnny goes to sports, but
when it comes to church, I've
just seen it over and over
again, and even in our own
congregation, the families that
have children in sports will
sacrifice church for the sake of
their son or their daughter's
sports program*

Difficult Questions

1. Does my child see me more excited about them playing ball or about them going to church?
2. Do I talk to my child more about God and the Bible or more about sports and game plans?
3. Do I put forth more effort to get my child to ballgames and ball practices than I do to church?

The image features a large, simple cross in the upper center, set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a family—a man, a woman, and two children—are visible. The man stands in the center, with the woman to his left holding a young child. To his right are two more children, holding hands. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

**as for me
and my household,
we will serve
the LORD**

Adulterers

This word is translated from the Greek
μοιχοί (moichoi)

What does the word adulterer mean?

Adultery is defined as:

Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his or her spouse. Adultery is a form of fornication.

Remember Matthew 5:28

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Adultery

How has the fallen world removed
this sin?



“Women’s magazines practically recommend adultery to their readers as a fun and healthy activity ...”

- Katie Roiphe, New York Times Magazine



“An affair can be a sexual recharging,
an escape from a worn-out relation-
ship, a way into something better.”

- *Elle Magazine*



“ [Women’s] marriages are improved by their affairs. Because they get their fill of rapture elsewhere ...”

- *Harper’s Bazaar*

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New Study Claims TV Fails to Balance Sex, Responsibility

January 27, 1988 | ELIZABETH MEHREN | Times Staff Writer



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NEW YORK — American television viewers are bombarded with an average of 27 scenes per hour which depict, discuss or suggest sexual behavior, according to a study released Tuesday by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc.

The study, conducted for Planned Parenthood by Louis Harris and Associates, claims that the three major television networks will broadcast 65,000 references to sexual behavior during prime-time and daytime entertainment programs in the 1987-88 season. Based on the average number of hours that Americans watch television, the study projected that the typical viewer will observe 14,000 references to sex this TV season.

But the barrage of sexual messages is accompanied by virtually no references to sexuality education, sexually transmitted diseases, birth control or abortion to "counterbalance the sexual content in TV programming," said Humphrey Taylor, president of Louis Harris and Associates.

Prime Time TV

65,000

sexual references
every year

7 out of 8

involve extra-
marital relations



Adultery

Are there examples of religious organizations removing this sin?

Adultery

what are some examples of this sin?

Physical

Mental

Spiritual

What is spiritual adultery?

There are two spiritual brides mentioned in God's word.

**1. The Jewish Nation
(Bride of God)**

**2. The Christian Church
(Bride of Christ)**

The Jewish Nation (Bride of God)

Jeremiah 3:14-

"Return, faithless people," declares the LORD, "for I am your husband. I will choose you--one from a town and two from a clan--and bring you to Zion.

Jeremiah 31:32-

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

Hosea 2:19 (NLT)-

I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion.

The Christian Church (Bride of Christ)

2 Corinthians 11:2

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. For I promised you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Matthew 22:2

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

John 3: 28-29

You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but am sent ahead of Him.'

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom stands by and listens for him, and is overjoyed to hear the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.