



Sexual Purity Course Lesson 26

Scripture: Read Ephesians 5:3-12.

Study:

1. What does the passage mean when it says that sexual immorality “must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints” (vs. 3)? How radical should the break be with sexual immorality? What is the standard presented here?
2. This passage says that it is wrong to have filthy speech or tell crude jokes (vs. 4). We call these dirty jokes. Do dirty jokes have any impact on our thought life and daily behavior? Explain.
3. Explain the language of darkness and light in this passage.
4. In this passage “everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous” is considered to be an idolater. Explain how sexual immorality can function as a god in the life of a person.

Application:

1. There is a real connection between conduct and conversation. If we joke about sexual immorality, we deal with it lightly. Things that are joked about are not taken seriously. What is not taken seriously in one aspect of our life (conversation) can carry over into other aspects of our life (conduct). In order to stop sexual immorality from becoming a *practice* in the life of a believer, it must be discarded from the *speech* of the believer. Make sure that you do not listen to or tell dirty jokes from now on. If you have to, stop the person from telling them. If that won't work, leave the room. It will seem strange at first, but this is a part of the biblical way to fight for sexual purity.
2. Also consider your entertainment. Do you intentionally watch or listen to programs which violate this passage. If so you need to stop. This is desensitizing you to the seriousness of sexual sin.
3. The passage not only restricts certain speech, but gives positive instruction on what should be said, “Let there be thanksgiving.” Replace any vulgar and dirty speech in your life with thanksgiving offered to God.