

Sexual Harassment-A Biblical Approach
Lesson One
Bible Verses on Sexuality

The Bible addresses the topic of sexuality in a very direct manner. If the guidelines and principles taught in the Bible regarding sexuality are followed, a person is certainly not going to be a perpetrator of sexual harassment. In fact their actions and behavior will clearly reflect a person who has nothing whatsoever to do with sexual harassment or any sexual impurity.

One of the reasons why the secular world is in such disarray in regards to sexual harassment is because there is the total denial of the sin of fornication and an acceptance of adultery and sexual perversion. If the doors of sexual impurity are swung wide open there is going to be those who create an atmosphere for sexual harassment to occur, and those who have an ongoing behavior of sexual harassment.

There is absolutely no reason for a Christian to be involved in sexual harassment other than they choose to ignore all the guidelines in the Bible. They need to understand that their behavior is not only sin, but evil in the eyes of God.

Sexual Immorality is Sin and is Evil

2 Corinthians 12:21 (NASB)

²¹ I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

Mark 7:21-23 (NASB)

²¹ "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

²³ "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

Matthew 5:27-29 (NASB)

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

²⁹ "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Galatians 5:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NASB)

⁹ 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,

¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the

kingdom of God.

¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

It is clear from Scripture that sexual immorality of any sort is not only sin but evil in the eyes of God. In fact, unrepentant sexual immorality can lead to a person going to hell. So obviously Christians should not participate in sexual immorality and abhor anything evil.

Romans 12:9 (NASB)

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

No Hint of Sexual Immorality

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Just on the basis of the definition of sexual harassment, there is certainly a hint of sexual immorality. For Christians sexual harassment absolutely should not be an option.

Sexual Sin-Sinning Against Self

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NASB)

¹⁸ Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 (NASB)

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

Mark 7:23

"All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

Christians who participate in sexual impurity, including sexual harassment, are not only sinning against others, but themselves. There is a price to pay for such behavior.

Husbands and Wives and Sexual Immorality

Hebrews 13:4 (NASB)

Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Proverbs 5:15-19 (NASB)

¹⁵ *Drink water from your own cistern And fresh water from your own well.*

¹⁶ *Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets?*

¹⁷ *Let them be yours alone And not for strangers with you.*

¹⁸ *Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth.*

¹⁹ *As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.*

If husbands and wives honor their marriage there will not be any sexual harassment occurring outside of the marriage.

Abstain From All Evil

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 (KJV)

²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.

In order to hold fast to that which is good, there must be an abstaining from evil or the appearance of evil. If a person abstains from all appearance of evil then sexual harassment certainly cannot occur.