

Sexual Harassment-A Biblical Approach
Lesson Five
Hypocrisy Must End

Hypocrisy in Secular Society

One of the reasons there is so much sexual harassment and sexual abuse in America is because of the mixed message that is spewed by our secular society.

Ever since the sexual revolution in the 60's there has been an ever increasing push to normalize sex outside of marriage. Not only that, but a push to normalize any kind of sex. We have become a sexualized society. The push has even affected our children. There has been an intentional push to make men and women sexualized objects.

Pornography

The pornography of the past is much different than the pornography of today. In the past there was soft porn that had some nudity and was mainly in magazine form. Now there is not only full nudity but videos with extreme, perverted, violent sexual acts. Now pornography can be seen anywhere and there is child pornography accessible anywhere.

It is no longer little boys stumbling upon Daddy's magazine. It is young boys and girls watching pornography on their phones. It is young people sexting.

You can't have pornography as one of the number one industries in America, presenting human beings as sexual animals and not have sexual harassment and sexual abuse.

The media cannot be promoting such things and not expect it to bring damaging results. It is hypocrisy.

Sex Outside of Marriage

With the sexualized revolution of the 60's has come a mindset that it is okay to have sex outside of marriage. If sex is okay outside of marriage and the mindset is glorified it only makes sense there is going to be more sexual harassment and sexual abuse.

Along with the 'freedom' of sex outside marriage is the 'freedom' to dress sexually provocative. So many women today dress like what prostitutes dressed like in times past.

It is a confusing message. The insinuation is everybody wants sex regardless if they are married or not. Of course that is not true. But our media promotes the concept.

Media promoted free sex, Hollywood promoted free sex and individuals bought into the concept. For years it was going on within Hollywood, sports, businesses, everywhere. People were active participants. Then all of sudden it has become wrong. It always was wrong.

You can't promote free sex and human beings as nothing more than sexual animals and then expect there not to be sexual harassment and abuse. It is hypocrisy.

Adultery

In today's society adultery is no longer looked at as sin. There are dating web sites for spouse swapping. There are counselors that promote all kinds of sexual perversion saying it will help the marriage.

Adultery has been normalized in our society.

Society cannot condone adultery and not expect there to come sexual harassment and sexual abuse. It is hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy in the Church

Sadly all that we have described in secular society happens in the Church also. The Church has certainly become sexualized just like secular society.

Practicing sexual abstinence is seen as outdated. Adultery is being committed in churches throughout America. Divorcing a spouse for the purpose of marrying someone else is common place in many churches.

All of this goes on in spite of what the Scriptures teach. This is hypocrisy.

The hypocrisy is those who claim the name to be followers of Christ. Those who claim the name of Jesus for their salvation. Those who say they are Christians.

Deuteronomy 5:11

'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.'

To claim Jesus is your Lord and Savior and to take on His name by calling yourself a Christian and yet living differently in regards to the sexual area of your life is breaking the 3rd Commandment of the Ten Commandments. The Bible says you will not go unpunished.

NO HYPOCRISY

If a Christian chooses to not be a hypocrite, if they choose to follow the principles found in Scripture, they will not be perpetrators of sexual harassment or sexual abuse.

The following Scriptures make it clear that we are not to be hypocrites.

Matthew 5:37 (NKJV)

But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

2 Corinthians 1:15-19 (NLT)

¹⁵ Since I was so sure of your understanding and trust, I wanted to give you a double blessing by visiting you twice—

¹⁶ first on my way to Macedonia and again when I returned from Macedonia. Then you could send me on my way to Judea.

¹⁷ You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say “Yes” when they really mean “No”?

¹⁸ As surely as God is faithful, my word to you does not waver between “Yes” and “No.”

¹⁹ For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate “Yes,” he always does what he says.

James 5:12 (NASB)

¹² But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

There is a principle found in the Bible that if followed will help lessen a person being in an