

Sexual Harassment-A Biblical Approach

Introduction

In the later part of 2017 there has been multitudes of sexual harassment allegations and charges in the news. The focus has been in the realm of the movie industry and politicians. In the past there has been sports figures and religious leaders in the news. The truth is sexual harassment/sexual assault has been happening since the beginning of man, and anyone can be a perpetrator, male or female, and it can occur anywhere. It should be noted that Christians are not exempt from being victims and perpetrators.

As long as individuals choose to live outside the sexual boundaries that God instituted there will be sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, fornication, adultery-sexual sin. Sadly, many Christians choose to live outside the will of God. Even if a Christian chooses to live within the will of God regarding sexuality they can be a victim of sexual abuse. However, a person whether Christian or not can follow some wise principles that will help to lessen the chances of them being a victim of sexual abuse.

If a person applies the principles taught in this course and the principles found in the *Sexual Purity* course taught by Pastor Richard D. Dover they certainly will not be a perpetrator of sexual abuse and they are much less likely to find themselves in a sexual abuse situation. There also is hope for those who have become victims of sexual abuse-Jesus Christ is the healer and can heal the emotional scars that come from sexual abuse. They can *Move Beyond the Past*. Even those who have wounded others by their actions can *Move Beyond the Past*.

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The Course: Sexual Harassment-A Biblical Approach

Disclaimers

This course is not to replace any course taught in a participant's workplace or other environment.

This course is not designed to address any laws regarding sexual harassment or abuse.

This course in no way insinuates that it is the fault of the victim if they are sexual harassed or abused.

Even though God can heal victims of sexual harassment or sexual abuse, the course no way lessens the wounding that is caused by harassment or abuse.

Foundation of Course

The foundation of this course is the principles found in the Holy Bible, understanding Jesus is the cornerstone. God is the author of sexuality, which when practiced within the boundaries set forth in His inspired Word, is something beautiful and abuse is certainly not a component of godly sexuality.

This course is built upon the premise that everyone is responsible for their own actions, but not responsible for the actions of others. Sexual harassment and abuse cannot be stopped as long as there are humans on earth, but each of us can do our part to lessen the potential of unwanted

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sexually harmful events. Also, each of us are responsible for the insinuations, words, and activities we individually participate in or condone.

In this course we will be looking at the 'hypocrisy' that is found in America. On one hand there is the sexual revolution where anything goes, the woman liberation movement (where women can be sexually provocative, make sexual advances with strangers, have sex with anyone, etc.) and on the other hand men are supposed to read between the lines to know what is right or wrong to say or do. It is the, it is okay for me to do..., but not okay for you to do.

The truth is society changes the rules all the time. What is unacceptable at one time is now acceptable. What is acceptable now may not be acceptable later. Society certainly is not the definitive answer in regard to sexuality.

Word Definitions

The following is some of the words that will be used throughout this study.

Sexual harassment-Harassment in a workplace or other professional or social situation, which involves the making of unwanted sexual advances or obscene remarks.

Immoral-Unethical, bad, morally wrong, wicked, evil, foul, unprincipled, corrupt, depraved, vile.

Impurity-A thing or constituent that impairs the purity of something.

Sensuality-The enjoyment, expression, or pursuit of physical, especially sexual, pleasure; the condition of being pleasing or fulfilling to the senses.

Carousing-A drinking bout, excessive drinking, enjoying oneself with others in a noisy, lively way.

Lust-Very strong sexual desire; a passionate desire for something; a reaching or stretching after something.

Lust of the flesh-A phrase which describes the emotions of the soul, the natural tendency towards things evil. Such "lusts" are not necessarily base and immoral, they may be refined in character, but are evil if inconsistent with the will of God.

Fornication-illicit sexual intercourse; sexual activity outside the boundaries set by God. The word is porneia in Greek, where we get the word pornography.

Infidelity-The action or state of being unfaithful to a spouse or other sexual partner.

Adultery-Unlawful intercourse with the spouse of another.

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