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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MORALITY

INTRO: Modern man has redefined morality today: 1. Situation ethics; 2. Living together before marriage, homosexuality and lesbianism, dress standard, etc.; 3. Many say they are not concerned about such behaviors. But What Does the Bible Say?

I. DOES GOD HAVE A STANDARD OF MORALITY?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I PET 1:15-16 ROM 1:18 I TIM 5:22
PRO 14:34 GAL 6:7 NUM 32:23 I THESS 4:3-5

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. God's personality is one of holiness, and He commands us to be the same. I Pet 1:15-16
2. God's wrath is stirred up when we behave ungodly. Rom 1:18
3. We are not to join in the crowd when they do wrong. I Tim 5:22
4. Sin destroys families and entire nations. Pro 14:34
5. How we live now will affect our happiness in the future. Gal 6:7
6. Sin will become a part of you and cannot be hidden from God. Num 32:23
7. Christians are to learn how to control their own desires and abstain from all sexual impurities. I Thess 4:3-5

II. WHAT IS CONSIDERED IMMORAL?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I COR 6:18 EX 20:14 LEV 18:22
ROM 1:27 ROM 1:26-32 II COR 6:9 EPH 5:5
COL 3:5 JOB 22:6 EX 32:25

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Fornication is a sin we are told to flee from. It is broad word for all illicit sex activities-- specifically between unwed people. Comes from Greek word Porneia. I Cor 6:18
2. Adultery is strictly condemned throughout scripture-generally refers to cheating in marriage and destroy it's sanctity.
3. Homosexuality is the sin of sodomy and is plainly condemned in scripture. Lev 18:22
Rom 1:27
4. Lesbians are behaving unnatural and their behavior is to be avoided. Rom 1:26-32
5. Effeminate men are going against God's plan for men. I Cor 6:9
6. Whoremungers are men who produce fornication and show they have no interest in God. Eph 5:5
7. Inordinate affection is improper desires and should be confessed and repented. Col 3:5
8. Nakedness-showing parts of the body which should not be exposed-is shameful. Job 22:6; Exo 32:25

II. HOW ARE WE TO AVOID THESE SINS?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I THESS 5:22 EPH 4:27 JAMES 4:7 MATT 4:4
I THESS 5:12-13 I THESS 5:21-22 COL 3:17 COL 3:16

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Watch what you talk about. Eph 5:3-4
2. Avoid even appearances that obscure your clean testimony for Christ. I Thess 5:22
3. Stay away from the devil's places. Eph 4:27
4. Resist temptation with prayer, scripture and godly associations. James 4:7; Matt 4:4;
I Thess 5:12-13
5. Carefully think through all things before becoming involved. I Thess 5:21-22
6. Earnestly desire godly things. Col. 3:17
7. Let God's Word live in you through scripture and godly songs. Col 3:16