



## *The Issue of Consenting Adults*

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We live today in the aftermath of the Sexual Revolution. Societal norms that were defined as accepted moral positions have been abandoned in favor of a victimless definition that frees people for any activity that they willingly pursue. The question is no longer, “Is it right?” so much as it is, “Did they agree?” It is imperative to determine the intent of the Creator in defining the limits of sexuality for unmarried men and women.

### ■ **Current Conditions**

### ■ **Basic Assumptions**

Greek word “porneia” means fornication, or illicit sexual intercourse; ie., sex outside of marriage.

### ■ **Findings of Fact**

1. God encourages marital sex and disallows extramarital sex.  
Hebrews 13:4
2. Fornication is evidence of a problem in the heart.  
Mark 7:20-23
3. Christian conversion involves abandonment of illicit sex.  
I Corinthians 6:9-11
4. Intimacy without marriage violates a direct command of God.  
I Thessalonians 4:3-8
5. Premarital sex is ranked by God as a major moral failure.  
Galatians 5:19-21
6. God expects His people to become like Him.  
Ephesians 5:3

### ■ **Specific Instructions**

1. Accept sexual purity as a requirement for Christian life.  
Acts 15:23-29
2. Recognize your responsibility to eradicate immorality in you.  
Colossians 3:5-8
3. Understand the importance of pleasing God with your body.  
I Corinthians 6:18-20
4. Distance yourself from believers who persist in this disobedience.  
I Corinthians 5:9-11

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