

SALT AND LIGHT

Living Well In A Sexually Broken World

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1-3, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

God is the creator and He gets to determine the purpose and function of His creation.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

If you believe that then God has some things to say to us.

Romans 1:21-25 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Worship defines identity.

The Bible teaches us we become what we worship.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Psalms 115:4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. 5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they

have, but they do not see; 6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; 7 They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. 8 Those who make them are like them;

What are you focused on?
What has your eyes?

Our society and culture has elevated sex and sexually above the truth of God's Word.

Idolatry is whatever we put before God and His word and give ourselves to.

If you are focused on Jesus and the lifestyle of his Word you'll become more like him.

4 Ways To Live Well In A Sexually Broken World

1. Understand that we are all broken and Jesus came to heal us all.

Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Sin speaks of the acts in which we break God's law.

Iniquities is a pre given dispositions.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Christ came to set us free from the old nature.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

2. Develop a scriptural worldview of sex and sexuality.

Your worldview is the set of beliefs that you base your life on.

The Core convictions that determine your decisions.

The lens through which you view and access the world.

Everyone has a worldview.

Your worldview is primarily shaped by your family, your experiences and your culture.

If your identity is in Christ, then your identity is in the Living Word that came down from Heaven.

God's revealed purpose for my identity always nails me to the cross!"

The world is drifting away from the foundation of God's Word and being shaped by a carnal culture.

That why we have to redeem culture.

Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

If Jesus is not Lord, you will do what is right in your own eyes.

Our identity needs to be based on the Lord Jesus Christ and the development of His character in our spirit.

I Thessalonians 4:3-8 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

3. Live with personal purity.
(Learn your “escape routes.”).

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

Ephesians 5:3-4 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Have No hint of it!

“let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints”

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

(“the way of escape”) so that you can endure.

Sexual immorality begins with temptation.

Take the escape route.

Run away from temptation.

The exit signs are clearly marked.

You have to look for them and take them.

4. Lay down the stones.

A religious spirit is concerned with being right and enforcing PRINCIPLE

The Spirit of Jesus is concerned with the PERSON and the road to restoration!

John 8:9-119 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

Religious people love to pick up stones.
We need to heal broken people.

Jesus said you who are without sin cast the first stone.

We need to be full of GRACE AND TRUTH.

We all need to lay down the stones.

