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I believe that lust and the power of sex have impacted the body of Christ and have hindered the perfection of the work within the body of Christ. Many prominent people (athletes, politicians and ministers) have been influenced by lust and the power of sex. Men and women crave for a certain lifestyle of sex once they have been exposed to immoral and illicit sexual acts. Some have used the White House, the church sanctuary; husbands and wives have used their wages, while others have used state funds to take trips to other countries in pursuit of their passion and desire. The results of their actions have destroyed their marriages, families and careers. Dignity has been lost and finances ruined because of a failure to repent and turn away. Once your body gets used to the power of illicit sex, the only thing that can break that power is the power of the Holy Spirit. This message is to encourage those who struggle in this area. God allows a space of time to repent and turn away. Failure to do so opens the door for God to bring exposure.

## ***Examples of Biblical Characters***

- A. Judges 16:4-5 Lust gets Sampson killed through the enticement of Delilah.
- B. 2 Samuel 11:2-5,13-17 Lust caused David to have sex with Bathsheba(a married woman), got her pregnant and had her husband killed to cover up his sin. He married her and the child died. God later brings through their union a son named Solomon.
- C. 1 Kings 11:1-4 The power of sex had King Solomon marry 700 wives and maintain 300 concubines. Sex with all these different women turned

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Solomon away from God and cost him his kingdom. Concubines are women who cohabit with a man and are not married to him. Solomon was a polygamist having more than one wife which is against the law.

- D. Genesis 19:30-38 Lasciviousness was a mentality from Sodom and Gomorrah that caused Lot's two daughters to commit incest. These daughters planned their pregnancies to use their father to keep his lineage going. From their pregnancies came the children of Moab and Ammon, nations known as the Moabites and the Amorites (enemies of Israel).
- E. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 The power of lust has a son engaged in sexually immoral acts with his father's wife (his stepmother).
- F. 1 Corinthians 6:15-20 God uses a harlot as an example that when she engages in a sexual act with a man it binds them together. When a man has sex with a harlot, their souls become one. The lust of their hearts is to dishonor their bodies amongst themselves. It becomes the will of their spirits. Therefore, they practice sharing their bodies with each other. He will take on her cares as a result of their sexual bond. Expenses will accumulate as a result of the power of sex.

## **Scripture References for Understanding**

- A. Ephesians 2:1-7 Saints, we once lived in fleshly lust, so we understand it and the manifestations.
- B. Romans 13:13-14 Live to make no provisions for lust of the flesh.

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- C. Colossians 3:5-6 Every Christian has to put to death the members of their body in response to sin. The wrath of God is coming against His children, the sons of disobedience.
- D. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 Sanctification is the will of God for us as a possession. Understand the passion of lust, the purpose of the Holy Spirit, and the rejection of God.
- E. 2 Timothy 2:22 Flee youthful lust and pursue righteousness with Christians who call on the Lord and live for Him with a pure heart.
- F. James 1:12-15 Bless your mind with the understanding that temptation sweeps people away by their own desires and enticement.
- G. Matthew 5:28;15:19-20, and Romans 1:24 These scriptures identify that once a person gets something in their heart, it becomes the pursuit of their spirit. When lust is in your heart it is in your spirit. The will of the heart carries out acts that defile the body and puts God in the position to give you up to that uncleanness.
- H. 1 Peter 2:11 Abstain from fleshly lust. Fleshly lust wars to capture your soul.
- I. Galatians 5:24 Born again Christians have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Sexual immorality, illicit sex, adultery, and fornication should no longer be alive in our lifestyle. These works of the flesh should be crucified. They should be dead.

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- J. 1 Corinthians 9:27 God makes this a requirement for every believer to do. It is the responsibility of Christians to discipline their bodies and keep them under subjection. It is the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to teach, convict and empower you to keep your body under.

## **Understand Word Usage**

1. Lasciviousness or lewdness-inclined to lustfulness, arousing sexual desire, indicating sexual interest, indecent, enticing playfulness, wantonness of lustful attention.
2. Passion-strong sexual desire, compelling emotion, strong feeling for love, emotionally involved, an outburst of emotion, evil passion.
3. Lust- intense sexual desire or appetite, uncontrolled or illicit sexual desire, passionate, overwhelming desire, craving for pleasure and sexual delight.

Understand that sex can be an addiction. Sex can control people's emotions and positions them to get out of control in their lives. Sex has caused so many to fall in love with people who are unable to elevate them or add to their lives. People have become slaves to another person because of sex. Sexual immorality controls people to illicitly do things they have never done before. The passion for sex has positioned people to explore the body for satisfaction. You cannot play with sex, because it has power. Observe Hebrews 13:4, "*Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*" Remind yourself and teach

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others to understand the love, forgiveness, and mercy Jesus Christ has for us. Hebrews 4:15-16 says, *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* With Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you will always have the opportunity to be forgiven and improve your life.

Grow to understand, “to be born with and to be **born again** without.” We were born in sin, but became free from sin through Jesus Christ, that we should no longer live and practice sin as a lifestyle. When Satan tries your mind with thoughts of the past, of how you enjoyed lust and the power of sex, open your Bible and read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6. Believe what you can do from what you read and the Holy Spirit will strengthen God’s Word in you. Remember Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Take the time to see who you are and where you stand with regard to lust and the power of sex. Whether you are a Christian or not, only God through His son Jesus Christ can deliver you from being a slave to sex. If you do not have the victory over lust and the power of sex and you want to be delivered, say this prayer:

“Lord Jesus,

I come to You to ask for forgiveness and to give me power over my body and emotions. Please Lord, help me sanctify my mind and live my life as a sacrifice unto You, that I may endure temptation and have control over my body. Lord, teach me Your ways that I may be Holy as You are Holy. My body belongs to You, so please

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have mercy on me, protect me and strengthen me as my Lord and Savior. Give me Your Holy Spirit to live within me that I may be a new creation to live a new life of dignity and respect. From this day on I will read the Bible to grow in the knowledge of Your word to understand life according to Your terms. It is in the name of Jesus I pray and believe- Amen.” By believing this prayer, salvation and the kingdom of Heaven has come to you.

May this scriptural reference guide be a blessing to your spirit, soul, and body to be stronger and faithful to God, as you persevere through every trial and tribulation.