

A Call to Holy Sexuality

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Addressing gender confusion, homosexuality and the porn addict's "spiral of degradation" with God's call to holy sexuality.

I. Sexual Sin is a Common Issue in Counseling.

When it comes to sexuality, the Bible portrays two distinct paths. We must choose between the "spiral of degradation" or the path of holiness. Our job as biblical counselors is to help move people from the wrong path onto the right path.

II. The Spiral of Degradation (Romans 1:18-32)

- 1. Failure to Reverence and Give Gratitude to God** – *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, ... (Rom. 1:21a)*
- 2. The Darkening Heart** – *... [they] became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (Rom. 1:21b)*
- 3. The Suppression of Truth** – *who exchanged the truth of God for the lie... (Rom. 1:25)*
- 4. Given Over to the Lusts of the Heart** – *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, ... (Rom. 1:24a)*

5. **Given Over** – *For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. ...* (Rom. 1:26a)

6. **The Reprobate Mind** – *God gave them over to a debased mind...* (Rom. 1:28b)

7. **Filled with All Unrighteousness** – *Being filled with all unrighteousness, ...* (Rom. 1:29a)

III. God's Call to Holy Sexuality

Holy sexuality is a two-sided coin:

- _____ in singleness – _____ implies devotion to _____.
- _____ in marriage – _____ implies covenantal _____.

Holy sexuality is far less about _____ and far more about what's going on in the _____.

RESOURCES

~ Steve Gallagher, *At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry*, (Pure Life Ministries, 2016)

~ Christopher Yuan, *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story*, (Multnomah, 2018)