

Theme	Do the Will of God
Topic	Overcoming Pornography and Sexual Sins
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Message Summary

Spiritual Objective: Being set apart for God in the area of sexual purity and to have handles on how to continuously overcome pornography and sexual sins.

Sexual sins affect everyone, within and outside the church both men and women. Based on his research, SP believes that approximately 50% of the people in a typical church congregation struggle with some form of sexual sins and engagement in pornography at varying degrees. The Church needs to address the issue by looking into God's word to understand the biblical notion of being set apart and to find handles on how to walk in the light. The world has defiled the definition of sexuality and thus, it is important for the Church to have a biblical understanding of sexuality that God has intended from the beginning.

(I) What does the Bible say about sexual sins and sexuality in general?

Recall the illustration about how sexual intimacy between two individuals is akin to piecing two sheets of paper together with glue and how the two sheets of paper will be torn apart if one tries to separate one from the other. This illustrates how separation causes defilement and damage to the individuals' whole being (physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually).

Every sin is committed outside the body except sexual sins. Engaging in sexual activity outside the context of marriage will result in bondage. In addition, sexual sins create a soul tie which is controlled by an unclean and filthy demonic spirit that defiles our spirit and body.

Thus, it is important to cut off soul ties from our previous relationships as they can be open ground for defilement which will affect our current relationship/marriage. Lastly, there is a close co-relation between sexual sins and idolatry-occult in the Bible as seen in the cases of Israelites with the Moabites women and Solomon with his numerous foreign brides.

In view of all these, in the book of Leviticus, God had listed down sexual sins that He detested and only sex within marriage is sanctified and protected by God.

(II) Steps to overcome pornography and sexual sins

1. Break out of bondage and be set free

- (i) Confess and seek God's forgiveness.
- (ii) Cleanse myself from the defilement of my sexual sins and break off any soul-tie associated with my sexual sins.
- (iii) Get rid of materials that are linked to my sexual sins and that which I am susceptible to (watch out for the types of friends/company with whom we spend time with).
- (iv) Bring my life under the authority of Jesus.

- (v) Surrender every aspect of my life to the Holy Spirit.
- (vi) Resist the evil one through your will, faith in God's word and exercise your authority that God has given you.

2. Walk daily in freedom by living our lives based on the truth

- (i) Jesus Christ is the truth and He promised that if we experience the truth, we will walk in freedom.
- (ii) We need revelation of our identity in Christ.
 - a. We are the Righteousness of God in Christ.
We were sinners saved by grace but now, we are saints and His Children. Declare regularly what the Word of God says about me.
 - b. He has redeemed us to walk in freedom through grace-enabled self-control. As in the example of Cain, God has given us self-control and choice when faced with the desire to sin.
 - c. We are valuable in Christ.
Joseph valued obedience to God more than the pleasures that sin might bring.
- (iii) Live out from our identity in Christ.
Do not be like Esau who despised his birth right for a bowl of lentil soup. Similarly, let us not despise our identity in Christ for sexually immorality.
- (iv) Daily consecrate the areas of our lives to God as instruments of righteousness. One practical handle will be to bless those who intentionally or unintentionally tempt us to fall into sexual sins.
- (v) Grow spiritually through prayer, Word intake, worship, fellowship and being accountable to someone.

In John 8:36, God has promised us victory!

Questions

1. Discuss what the world's definition of sexuality is and how it differs from God's intended purpose.

(Fill In Answer Here)

2. Share one of the following:

What are some areas you find it hard to remain pure for God?
Your experience in overcoming your struggle with sexual sins.

(Fill In Answer Here)

3a. What are the steps that you can take to keep yourself pure for God?

b. What can the cell do to help you along on this journey?

(Fill In Answer Here)

Gear Up and Go!

1. RTF@BBTC

As part of BBTC IDMC Process, Restoring the Foundations (RTF) Is an integrated ministry tool that will help BBTCians receive God's restorative healing, deliverance and ultimately breakthroughs.

Due to overwhelming response, we have opened up a new batch for May RTF!

Session 1: Overview of RTF Ministry and Personal Questionnaire (PQ) Filling

Session 2: Participants will be allocated to either an AM or PM session for Ministry

Batch	Session 1	Session 2
1	22 nd February 2014	8 th March 2014
2	15 th March 2014	29 th March 2014
3	3rd May 2014	17th May 2014
4	5 th July 2014	19 th July 2014
5	16 th August 2014	30 th August 2014
6	13 th September 2014	27 th September 2014
7	11 th October 2014	25 th October 2014

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2. Good Friday 2014

In the heart of every father is an enduring love that would never let go.

NO! NOT MY SON!

Fri 18 April 5pm
Sat 19 April 5pm
Sun 20 April 10.30am
20 April 5pm

Admission by ticket only

19th April program for Youth and Young Adults

20th April (10.30am) program will be in Mandarin. Drama in English with Chinese subtitles

Superhero Carnival for kids

For family with kids, there will also be a corresponding program for children ages 3 to 12 years old. Carnival complete with snacks and games, special puppet performances, bouncing inflatable and more! Your child will never be bored!

Tickets for both the drama and the children's program are on sale at \$5 after Worship Services every weekend. Also available for purchase at the BBTC General Office from Monday to Friday, from 9am – 5pm.