

Living In Relationship To God

The Sixth Commandment

A Story:

A man who lived near a forest found his house overrun by mice. There were too many to exterminate with traps, so he bought a few boxes of mouse poison and distributed them around the house, including under his bed. That night he couldn't believe his ears; below him was a feeding frenzy.

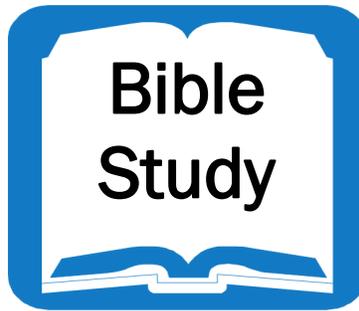
In the morning he checked the box and found it licked clean. Just to make sure the plan worked, he placed another box under his bed. Again the mice went for the flavored poison and ate it all. The poison did its work. In a few days all was quiet.

The point: just because something is popular doesn't mean it is good for you. It can be deadly—like sin!

What are some popular ideas about sex that go against God's word?

God expects my heart, mouth, and whole body to be pure, and to not give way to sexual immorality, lend a hand to it, or encourage it. He expects each individual to live a pure life, and to help others to do so, too.

From Luther's Large Catechism



What do the following passages say about a pure and decent life?

Day One: Matthew 5:8

Day Two: 1 Peter 5:8

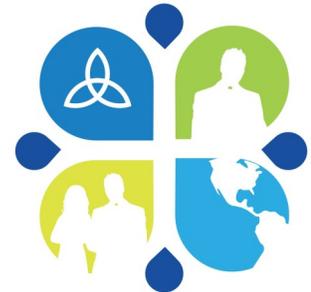
Day Three: Ephesians 5:3

Day Four: 1 Corinthians 6:12

Day Five: 1 Thessalonians 4:3



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For Discussion:

Genesis 39:1-21

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship always begins with God giving to us. What did God give Joseph according to verse 2?
2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. How did Joseph respond according to verse 9?
3. Sexual sin was not only wrong, it would get in the way of Joseph's relationship with God. Discuss how this can still happen today.
4. How did God bless Joseph for his obedience according to verse 21? Discuss ways that God blesses us when we are obedient to Him.

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I seek to live a pure life in thought, word, and deed.