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The Elephant in the Pew

“Sex and the Single Adult”

Matthew 19:11-12 NKJ

¹¹ But He said to them, “All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: ¹² For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”

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1 Corinthians 7:8-9 NKJ

⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; ⁹ but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJ

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 NKJ

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.

1 John 2:15-17 NKJ

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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Keys to Living a Pure Life

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James 4:1-7 NKJ

¹Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? ²You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. ⁴Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”? ⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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Proverbs 16:18 NKJ

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

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Proverbs 11:14 NKJ

¹⁴ Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 18:1 NKJ

¹ A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

Proverbs 27:17 NKJ

¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

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Psalms 25:12-13 TLB

“Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him to choose the best. He shall live within God’s circle of blessing and his children shall inherit the earth.”

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Top Ten Reasons Why People Wait so Long to Get Married

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