

Keys to Evangelism in a Sexualized Culture

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Engaging the Heart

- I. Counseling sinful, sexual sufferers, both victims and perpetrators, is like being a plumber or septic tank cleaner.
 - A. Not pretty work, but the cleanup is necessary.
 - B. However, you do not want to become polluted or sick in the process!
 - C. The dangers are real:
 1. Jude 17-23: you need a prudent fear.
 2. 2 Peter 2: salvation alone counters sensuality, i.e., faith versus feelings/senses.
- II. Christ's gospel holds out real hope for real forgiveness and real change.
 - A. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.
 - B. 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and chapter 7 all deal with this, as do Ephesians 5:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.
- III. You must carefully evangelize the lost who are at once sexual victims and victimizers.
 - A. Sex sells: fill in the blank.
 - B. Sex can be used to keep people from God, i.e., the seven churches of Revelations 2-3.

Exposition of the Word

- I. You must be pure and holy yourself.
 - A. You must be born again and love God more than self or sex: the first commandment.
 - B. You must love your spouse above yourself: the second commandment. This may be Jesus if you have the gift of celibacy. See Song of Songs, Proverbs.
 - C. You must love your neighbor and do no harm, Romans 3:8-10.
 - D. Today sex=self! Western culture is one masturbatory mess!!
 - E. You must be nailed to the cross and resurrected with Christ.
- II. Your life and counsel must be God-centered and point to Him.
 - A. God is the center of the universe including sexuality. He created it, for humans, as part of the image of God in man. However, it is NOT to be worshipped.
 - B. God is the center of the solution and NOT asceticism, Colossians 2:16-3:4.
 - C. God and His fear are the key, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8.
 - D. God and contentedness with His providence versus coveting is a key, Ephesians 5:3-20.
- III. You must emphasize covenantal loyalty not convenience.
 - A. Personal versus pornographic
 - B. Covenantal contentedness verse covetousness
 - C. Gift versus Golem like idol
 - D. Jesus' example in John 4.

Exhortation for Life

- I. You need to fulfill your purpose.
 - A. WSC # 1
 - B. WLC # 1
- II. You need a godly marriage or celibacy.
 - A. 1 Corinthians 7: charismatic gifts of singleness or marriage. The only two options given by the Lord.
 - B. N.B., the other focus in Paul's instruction.
- III. You need to counsel in the presence of God the Holy Spirit.
 - A. No manipulation to get praise or pleasure. Ex., Balaam's Donkey
 - B. Seek first the Kingdom and righteousness.
 - C. WISDOM: do not counsel one on one when sex is the, or a key issue. Examples
- IV. Remember: the bad News/Good News
 - A. Bad: we've never been closer to the Roman Empire in Western Culture than today!
 - B. Good: we've never been closer to the Roman Empire in Western Culture than today!!
 - C. The gospel worked then; God willing it will work now!