

PROSTITUTION

It is an act of offering one's body for sex in order to get money or other favors. This is the misuse of sex where people exchange sex for money and other favors like job promotion, food etc.

CAUSES OF PROSTITUTION

Financial hard ships/ poverty makes people fail to afford the basic needs of life like food, medicine etc. They therefore engage in prostitution in order to get money for survival.

Decline in religious devotion and commitment makes people to disrespect the values attached to proper use of sex and they engage in prostitution instead of getting married and having it from marriage as the bible says.

The influence of urbanization; characterized by development of clubs, disco halls, theatres etc. Which provide a conducive environment for prostitution because of the big population in towns which is unemployed. Women take advantage of the town life to offer their bodies to the many people around in exchange for money.

Permissiveness is responsible for prostitution today because it makes people behave in ways which are contrary to society morals but they don't care, prostitutes do their business openly in broad day light because they know everyone will mind his/her business.

Rampant unemployment today leads to prostitution because it makes women desperate and idle, because of this, they engage in prostitution in order to earn a living.

Political instability leads to unemployment today because it creates a state of lawlessness as the people who are supposed to ensure law and order are busy fighting the enemy. This increases crime rate as a result of poverty, making women to look for ways of survival prostitution inclusive.

Lack of sex satisfaction in marriages drives men and women into prostitution. Due to lack of sex education, some women don't please their husbands in bed thus forcing them to look for pleasure from the prostitutes.

Divorce and separation makes partners to starve sexually because of absence their partners. This forces them to engage in prostitution in order to get sexual pleasure they miss from their partners.

Influence of science and technology that has brought use of contraceptives like condoms .It makes men & women abuse sex through prostitution without fear of getting sexual transmitted Diseases, pregnancies etc.

Lack of self-control can make one fail to control his sexual feelings in absence of his /her partner in case he/she is sick, on a journey etc. and can buy a prostitute to satisfy him temporarily as he is waiting for the partner.

Drug abuse/alcoholism changes people's reasoning capacity and they start seeing things differently, some buy prostitutes because at the moment the brain is showing them it is fine and may regret later.

DANGERS OF PROSTITUTION

It can lead to spread of sexually transmitted diseases like AIDS, Syphilis most especially if people engage in unprotected sex with HIV positive people .This affects families where children remain orphans after death of parents and they become dependants.

It results into production of bastards because of failure of the women to identify the rightful father of the child .This may lead to misery and discrimination of such children.

Family neglect is very common when men use all the money they have to buy prostitutes instead of providing for the family. This may lead to family instabilities which can cause trauma to the children.

It leads to imprisonment because it is a crime condemned in the country ,in prison one may experience physical and emotional torture which may make her a hard core criminal instead of reforming.

It sometimes leads to unwanted pregnancies as a result of having unprotected sex which may make prostitutes to abort yet it is murder and condemned in the Bible.

Robberies are very common among prostitutes. They rob their customers of money , jewelry and other treasures which causes loss to the people who are robbed.

It leads to loss of respect in the society. This is because the society has low opinion about prostitutes, they take them to be immoral and in such a case one who is involved may not be given a place of responsibility in the society.

It leads to divorce as a result of constant quarrels and fights over prostitution .If a woman discovers that a man buys prostitutes, she may decide to divorce which causes trauma and suffering to the children.

It is a sin against God and against one's body, this is because it is condemned in the Bible. St. Paul encourages the Christians to respect their bodies as temples of holy spirit instead of using them for abusing sex.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROSTITUTION (CHRISTIAN SOLUTIONS)

People should be told to respect their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, therefore they should avoid prostitution because it is unholy and it defies God' temple.

Prayers should be encouraged most especially for the prostitutes so that they realize their mistake and repent, become morally upright in order to be worthy of God's kingdom.

Christians should be encouraged to live holy lives by shunning immorality like prostitution since God is holy and associates St Peter encouraged his readers to live holy lives.

People should respect the image of God in which they were created by respecting sex as a gift for the married, for child production instead of having it for purpose of having money.

Self-control should be exercised so that when one is facing challenges of sexual temptation, he/she is able to forego such feelings. People should pray for the gift of self-control so that they don't engage in prostitution.

Those who have already abused sex through prostitution should repent and ensure that they don't do it again.

Guidance and counseling should be carried out more especially among the prostitutes such that they are made to realize that it is a sin which is punishable by God, and it limits one a chance to enter the kingdom of God.

Christians should avoid company of prostitutes because men who join their bodies to those of prostitutes become one with them; men are affected the same way as the prostitutes they buy. According to 1st Corinthians 6:16, a man who joins his body with that of a prostitute becomes physically one with her.

People should be warned that prostitution shortens one's life, they should avoid it in order to prolong their lives e.g. According to Proverbs 7:27, It is a short cut to one's death.

Christians should protect their dignity and integrity by avoiding prostitution, since it leads to shame and loss of dignity. For example Gomer, the wife of Hosea lost her dignity because of involving in prostitution.

Sample questions

Justify Christian condemnation of prostitution.

- It is unholy
- It is a sin
- It is punishable
- It abuses the image of God in which man was created,
- It defiles the body which is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- It can deny one a chance to enter the kingdom of God
- It shortens one's life
- It makes a man who joins his body with that of a prostitute to become physically one with her.
- It leads to shame and loss of dignity.

- It is a sign of lack of self control.

CASES OF PROSTITUTION IN THE BIBLE

This evil was known from the early days among the Israelites as the Bible shows Judah's daughter in law posing as a prostitute and charging money for her services. Genesis 38:15.

The Israelites spies were sent by Joshua to secretly explore the land of Canaan. They spent the night in the house of a prostitute named Rahab. Joshua 2:1

Sons of Eli practiced temple prostitution with the women who worked at the entrance of the tent of the Lord. 1st Samuel 2:22-23

The bible gives a case when King Solomon judged two prostitutes who picked a misunderstanding between themselves regarding the ownership of the baby. 1st Kings 3:16-27.

God advised prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute and Gomer used to exchange sex with her lovers for food, water, wine and wool. Hosea 2:4-5.

According to St. Paul, a man who joins his body with that of a prostitute becomes physically one of her. 1st Corinthians 6:15.

According to the book of Deuteronomy money got from prostitution was banned from temple collection.

The penalty for prostitution in case of the daughter of the priest was supposed to be fire. This was done in order to scare others from engaging in such evil.

According to the book of Leviticus 21, a priest was not supposed to marry a prostitute because this would offend God and the image of priesthood.

The prodigal son spent his money buying prostitutes.

Sample questions

"Because of rampant sexual immorality in society today, prostitution should be legalized". As a Christian, comment.

The statement is wrong; prostitution should not be legalized because

- It is against holy living which St. Peter encourages.
- It abuses the image of God in which man was created.
- It defiles man's body yet it is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- It can deny one a chance to enter the kingdom of God.
- It is punishable by God because it is a sin.

"Prostitutes are made not born" Discuss.

The statement is right; prostitutes are made but not born because of the following reasons. (Factors contributing to prostitution in the society.

- Unemployment
- Poverty
- Permissiveness
- Peer pressure
- Poor law enforcement
- Decline in religion
- Decline in cultural values.

ADULTERY

It is also known as extra-marital sex which is the sexual intercourse outside marriage i.e. it is between a married person and another person who is not his/her marriage partner.

CAUSES OF ADULTERY

Lack of sexual satisfaction makes people sexually starved. This normally arises from lack of sex education which makes people lack skills of satisfying their partners in bed which may force them to look for satisfaction outside marriage.

Poverty causes adultery today because it makes people lack the basic needs of life like food, medicine etc. and therefore they try to look for them through adultery.

Unemployment leads to adultery in the sense that it makes people desperate as they are looking for ways of survival. They resort to adultery in order to earn a living.

Long separation of partners causes adultery because it makes them sexually starved. This may be due to long distance relationships, working far away from home etc. which can make one tempted to have sex with other people outside marriage.

Quarrels and misunderstandings in families cause adultery because. This is because it makes the partners unhappy and miserable at home forcing them to seek for happiness from other partners.

Long sicknesses like cancer, HIV etc. causes adultery in society because it makes people unable to have sex and therefore starve. If they get a chance of having sex with other partners who are fine, they do it to get satisfaction.

People are influenced by their friends to behave the way they are behaving because they fear to be left out if they don't do what their friends are doing. They engage in adultery just because they want to be like their friends.

Lack of religious devotion drives people into committing adultery, this is because religion emphasizes the need to be faithful in marriage and one of the Ten

Commandments is “don’t commit adultery. Those who are not religious commit adultery.

Polygamy contributes to adultery in the society today mostly among women. It leaves them sexually dissatisfied because of one man trying to have sex with many sexual partners. This makes them to get pleasure from other sexual partners.

Lack of self-control leads to adultery today. It results from factors like absence of the sexual partner, high sexual libido etc. it makes one to look for immediate pleasure from the available options.

DANGERS OF ADULTERY

It leads to spread of sexually transmitted diseases mostly if the partners engage in unprotected sex with other people they are not married to. This leads to suffering of children after the death of their parents after contraction HIV.

It leads to abortion mostly if the adulterous affair results to unwanted pregnancies. This may lead to death of the woman and at the same time may lead to imprisonment of the doctor involved.

It leads to divorce as a result of family neglect. Failure for the man to provide for the family may lead to constant fights which may end into divorce. This affects children who are left with no parental love.

It leads to constant quarrels and conflicts as a result of the partners accusing each other of unfaithfulness. This may lead to misery and unhappiness in families.

It leads to family neglect as a result of a partner concentrating on an outside affair and neglecting the duties of providing for the family. This may make the children lack parental care and love.

It leads to domestic violence which results from constant accusations of family neglect, lack of sexual satisfaction etc. this may lead to physical deformities of the affected party.

It leads to loss of love because of broken vows/promises. This may make partners stop caring for their loved ones because of lack of trust in their love.

It leads to misuse of contraceptives such as condoms and pills as partners are trying to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. Some methods like condoms are not 100% effective and can end up exposing people to HIV/AIDS.

Cases of witchcraft are common as a result of partners trying to win love of their partners who are adulterous. This limits peace in the family.

Acid attacks are common as the partners are revenging for being dumped. This may lead to physical deformities which involve loss of limbs, eyes etc.

ADULTERY IN THE BIBLE

According to the Bible it is a sin before God and before fellow men according to exodus 20:14 “Don’t commit adultery”

Adultery is looked at as a source of pain, public disgrace and shame. “ the lips of another man’s wife may be sweet as honey and her kisses as smooth as olive oil, but when it is over, she leaves you nothing but bitterness and pain” proverbs 5.

It is a disgrace and punishable by God. According to Deuteronomy 22:22 if a man is caught having intercourse with another man’s wife, both of them are to be put to death in order to get rid of evil.

According to proverbs 7:27 adultery is a short cut to one’s death. Those who engage in adultery are shortening their lives.

Faithfulness is encouraged in the old testament that is why young men were told to avoid influence of adulterous women proverbs 5:15. Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone.

Adultery promotes other social evils like theft, death, deceit etc. e.g. after King David committed adultery with Bathsheba; he organized for killing of Uriah in order to cover for the sin of adultery.

In the New Testament, Jesus said that all evils originated from the bottom of one’s heart including adultery Mathew 15:19

Jesus commented that even mere looking at a woman with intent of possessing her is equivalent to adultery Mathew 5:32

Jesus also said that a man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Mathew 5:32

According to John 8:1-11, repentance, reconciliation and moral rehabilitation are encouraged for the adulterous person i.e. Jesus advised the adulterous woman never to do it again.

Adultery provokes God’s anger and judgment according to Hebrews 13:4 i.e. married people are called upon to be faithful to each other for God will judge those who commit adultery.

SOLUTIONS TO ADULTERY

Married people should respect the Ten Commandments more especially the one condemning adultery, so that they remain committed to their vows.

People should respect their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit by engaging in Godly activities which give honor to God and avoid unholy activities which disgrace God’s temple like adultery.

Christians should respect the image of God in which they were created by respecting the marital vows of remaining faithful to their partners so that they don't abuse sex through adultery.

Prayers should be carried out mostly to the adulterous people to make them reform and start respecting sex as a gift for only married people. For example Jesus cautioned the adulterous woman not to do it again.

Guidance and counseling of the adulterous people should be carried out so that they realize their mistakes and reform so that they don't provoke God's anger.

Repentance should be done so that the adulterous people are forgiven the sin of the adultery. They should emulate the adulterous woman whom Jesus cautioned to sin no more.

People should know that adultery is a short cut to one's death and therefore, they should avoid it in order to prolong their lives.

Christians should be encouraged to live holy lives by avoiding immorality like adultery. This is because God is holy and doesn't associate with unholy people for example St Peter encourages people to live holy lives.

Self-control should be exercised so that the married people who are faced with the challenge of sexual temptation are guided by the Holy Spirit and they forego abusing sex through adultery.

Christians should protect their dignity and integrity by avoiding adultery since it leads to shame and loss of dignity.

Devoted Christians should rebuke those who commit adultery by expelling them from the church in order to attain eternal life. For example St Paul recommends expelling of sexual perverts from the Christian community to save others who haven't abused it.

HOMOSEXUALITY

This is the sexual intercourse between members of the same sex. If it's between men they are referred to as gays if it is between women they are referred to as lesbians.

CAUSES OF HOMOSEXUALITY

Fear to approach members of the opposite sex for a relationship because of shyness may make one to engage in a homosexual relationship with the members he/she is used.

Confinement of members of the same sex in the same place for a long time may make them develop sexual attraction to them and they engage in homosexuality .e.g. prisons, single sex schools etc.

Misuse of drugs and alcohol which at times increases people's sexual urge and at the same time it lowers people's reasoning and judgment capacity. They engage in homosexuality because to them it is the right thing to do at the moment.

The influence of the mass media and literature leads to high cases of homosexuality because it exposes people to homosexual related information and this with time may tempt them into doing what they watch.

Curiosity and desire to discover more drives people into homosexuality. Some young people want to find out what is new, and why they are stopped from engaging in homosexuality and after trying, they become addicted to the vice.

Some people have hatred for members of the opposite sex because of the past experience with them like rape, defilement etc. It leaves such people traumatized and hating members of the opposite sex.

The desire for money forces people into homosexuality. Some people are attracted to the vice because of gifts, money and other favors which homosexuals offer, which can help them improve their standards of living.

Homosexuality has its origin in the western world. So many African who want to adopt and copy western lifestyle end up copying homosexuality as well.

Some people engage in homosexuality due to peer pressure. They want to copy their friends in order to fit in the group.

CHRISTIAN CRITICISM OF HOMOSEXUALITY

It is a sin condemned by God because it's against God's intention of creating man and woman. That is why God punished those who engaged in homosexuality. For example Genesis 19:1-11. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their act of homosexuality.

God hates it because it is against morality expected of a Christian. In Leviticus 18:22 "No man is to have sexual relation with another man because God hates it"

Homosexuality is against holy living, Christians should avoid immoral activities which make them unholy because God doesn't associate with unholiness.

Homosexuality may make the one involved to be expelled from the Christian community. This is done to save others from abusing sex in the same way for example St Paul encourages Christians to expel sexual perverts from the society.

It is a sign of lack of self-control which St Paul encourages. Christians should pray in order to get it so that they respect sex as a gift for the man and woman who are legally married.

It is a shameful act and an improper conduct, those who practice it lose respect and dignity and they become social misfits Romans 1:26-27.

It contradicts God's intention of sex i.e. sex should be between man & woman for procreation. That is why God created Eve for Adam.

It defiles the body which is a temple of the Holy Spirit because it is done by members of the same sex yet God created man and woman for the purpose of having sex.

It abuses the image of God in which man was created .this is because man is supposed to do Godly things by having sex with people of opposite sex just as God intended it because he created Adam and Eve for a reason of having sex.

BIBLICAL TEACHING ABOUT SEX ABUSE

It is a sin before God because it goes contrary to the expected roles or purpose of sex i.e. originally God created man and woman to have sex for procreation.

It is punishable by God .God judged and punished sex offenders in different ways like total destruction and condemnation of those involved. For example God punished Sodom and Gomorrah by total destruction because of homosexuality.

It brings shame to those involved .it makes one lose public respect and become a disgrace to society for example ,because of adultery and prostitution, Gomer the wife of Hosea brought shame and disgrace to her children and husband as well (Hosea 2:4-5)

Sex abuse annoys and angers God. God hates and judges those who are involved by punishing them (Leviticus 18:22)

It is unholy, it makes the one involved ritually unclean that is why St Peter calls upon Christians to be holy and refrain from unholy practices.

It defiles the body of man which is the temple of Holy Spirit by making it unclean thus involving the holy spirit in the unholy practices.

It defiles/abuses the image of God in which man was created .man is supposed to respect God for in his image he was created.

Sex abuse is a sign of lack of self-control. St Paul calls for self-control which is a gift from God so that they are able to abstain from sex until marriage.

It can cause excommunicate of one from the society as St Paul recommends expelling of sexual perverts for the sake of those who haven't started abusing it. For example St Paul in 1 Corinthian 5 suggested that a man who committed incest with his step mother should excommunicate from the society.

It is against the commandment of God of remaining faithful to one's marriage partner. According to the Ten Commandments God said "Don't commit adultery"

It makes a man who joins his body with that of a prostitute to become physically one with her 1 Corinthians 6:16.

Sex abuses can be forgiven if they repent just as Jesus forgave the adulterous woman.

For the sake of avoiding sex abuses Paul recommend Christians to marry.

EXPLAIN THE WAYS IN WHICH THE BIBLE TEACHING CAN ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF SEX ABUSE IN UGANDA TODAY

The Bible teaches that sex abuse defiles the body which is a temple of the Holy Spirit therefore they should keep the bodies holy by avoiding sex abuse.

The Bible calls for holy living because God doesn't associate with unholy people; therefore Ugandans need to live holy lives by being faithful in marriage. For example Hosea was faithful to Gomer despite the fact that she was unfaithful to him.

The Bible calls upon people to have self-control in order to avoid abuse of sex therefore Ugandans should pray to have it.

The Bible encourages expelling of sexual perverts from the community to save others who haven't yet abused sex therefore Ugandans should respect sex in order to stay in union with church members.

The Bible encourages people to marry in order to avoid abuse of sex therefore Ugandans who want to have sex should marry.

The Bible calls for respect of the image of God in which man respect this image by abstaining from Marriage especially the unmarried.

The Bible calls upon sex abusers to repent and ask for forgiveness therefore Ugandans who abuse sex should seek for forgiveness from God and reform.

The Bible encourages respect of Virginity until marriage; Ugandans need to remain virgins till marriage in order to get respect.

The Bible encourages faithfulness in marriage because adultery is punishable, and so Ugandans should respect their vows by remaining faithful to their partners to avoid punishment from God.

The Bible teaches that a man who joins his body to that of a prostitute becomes one with her, therefore Ugandans should keep good company of people who respect sex value.