

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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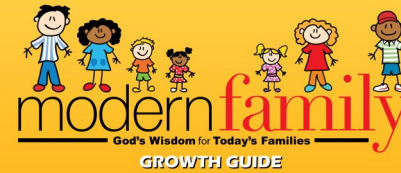
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Study: 11/25/18

## Modern Family Sexuality

Our world is awash in sexual immorality. Whether it is adultery, pornography, fornication, or gay marriage it seems that our culture is not only experiencing, but also embracing the full buffet of sexual sin. Perhaps the saddest part of this reality is that the same problems, which plague the culture, are also strongly represented in the church. Most of my counseling ministry is spent talking to Christians who have been devastated by one sexual sin or another. The saddest and most desperate people I have ever known are those who have experienced sexual sin—either their own or the sins of someone else.

**The most important thing you can do in your pursuit of purity is to get to know the living God.** What is it about knowing God that is so essential to purity?

### 1. When you know God you see his purity.

Laws always reflect the character of the one who makes them. All of God’s commands for us to be sexually pure flow from his own heart of purity. The God who calls us to purity is himself the very definition of that purity. Indeed, God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5) When you know this God who is purity and who is light you will want to be like him.

### 2. When you know God you see his pardon for your sin.

The only way you can know God is by knowing his Son Jesus Christ. To know Jesus Christ is to know the one who provides forgiveness for our sin on his cross. Being forgiven is the most wonderful thing in the world. It means that all the things you have ever done will not be held against you because of the work of another.

Few sinful categories carry the weight of shame that sexual sins do. When you know God through his Son who provides freedom from your guilt and shame it is an unbelievably freeing reality. This is the kind of freedom needed in the lives of those struggling with sexual sin.

### 3. When you know God you see his power to change you.

After you have trusted Jesus to forgive you, you need to trust him to empower your efforts to be holy. The good news of the gospel is not merely that God forgives our sins. It is the further announcement that God empowers our obedience.

For people struggling with sexual sin they need the hope that their wickedness will be forgiven. More than that, they need the hope that they can actually change. Knowing God is to know the one who trains us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. (Titus 2:12).

Excerpt from article: “The Most Important Reality In Overcoming Sexual Sin” by Heath Lambert

## KEY VERSE

Ephesians 5:3

*But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; NKJV*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Ephesians 5:3-5**

### Introduction

1. List some ways that sexual norms in our country have changed over your lifetime.
2. What are some ways that sexual immorality has affected you and your family?

**Tuesday: Genesis 2:24; Job 31:1; Romans 1:26-27; Hebrews 13:4**

### Obey God's Standard Of Sexuality

3. What do you think is God's standard for our sexuality? Fill in the blank: God's standard for my sexuality is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What are some areas of sexuality that you or your family struggle with?

**Wednesday: Psalm 51:3-4; I Cor 6:15-20; Ephesians 5:33**

### Know The Sinfulness Of Immorality

5. Our culture tells us that our sexual choices aren't hurting anyone else. According to our verses today, list who is hurt by our sexual sin.
6. How does sin affect our relationship to God?

**Thursday: Colossians 3:2-5; Philippians 4:8; Genesis 39:7-23**

### Safeguard Your Sexuality

7. List some things you do to safeguard your sexuality.
8. How can we protect our minds in our sexualized culture?
9. If you are married, what steps can you take to improve your sex life with your spouse?

**Friday: I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Titus 2:11-14**

### Take The Pathway Back To Purity

10. Do you agree with the following statement on the cover:  
"The most important thing you can do in your pursuit of purity is to get to know the living God."?
11. How does knowing God help you pursue purity?
12. Write down some ways in which God has given you victory over sin.
13. Sexual sin is something people tend to keep private. If you are struggling in this area, who is someone who can help you?