

## Lovin the Law – More Than a Feeling

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Exodus 20:14 (NIV) – “You shall not commit adultery”.

“A new survey finds that a majority of self-identified Christians don’t care what God thinks about the issue of sex” – **The Gospel Coalition**

62 percent of Catholics and 54 percent of mainline Protestants in America believe that casual sex is sometimes or always acceptable. Casual sex was defined as sex between consenting adults who are not in a committed romantic relationship – **The Pew Research Center**

1 Corinthians 6:15-17 (NIV) – “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, ‘The two will become one flesh’. But whoever is united with the Lord is one with Him in spirit”.

“In our culture, having feelings or emotions is equated with weakness. This is a lie that is deeply ingrained in many of us. God created feelings. Sure, like anything else, they can be misused and abused. But the intent and purpose of feelings came from God” – **Francis Chan**

Luke 9:23 (NIV) – Then He said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me”.

Matthew 15:16-19 (NIV) – “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts – murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander”.

“sexual immorality” = *porneia* - “fornication; promiscuity of any type”; from *pernao* - “to sell off”

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV) – “Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer AND all the sexually immoral”.

Genesis 2:22-24 (NIV) – Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He has taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman’, for she was taken out of man”. That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Philippians 2:14-16a (NIV) – “Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation’. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life”.

Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV) – “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’, when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye”.

Romans 1:26-27 (NIV) - “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error”.

Romans 3:22-24 (NIV) – This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus”.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV) – “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ”.