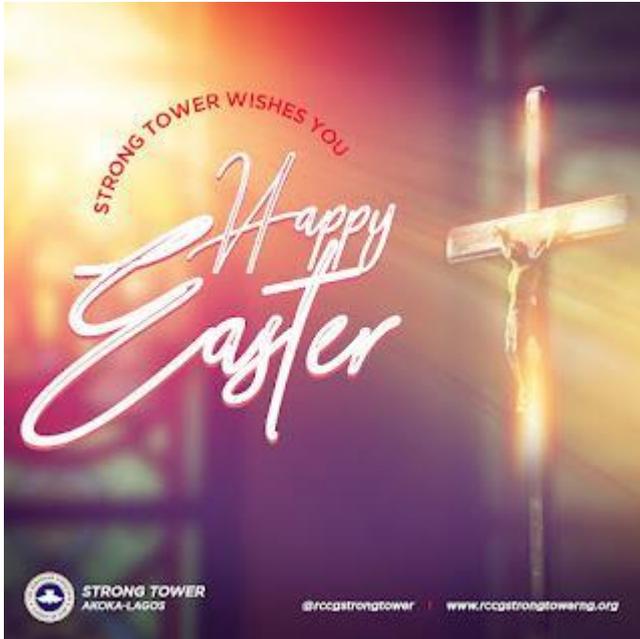


**TOPIC: Sexual Vices [RCCG Sunday School STUDENT Manual 12 April 2020]**

**MEMORY VERSE:** “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” – 1 Corinthians 6:19



**BIBLE PASSAGE:** *1 Corinthians 6:13-20 KJV (RCCG Sunday School STUDENT Manual 12 April 2020)*

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The very fact that God created humanity as “male and female” reveals that we are created as sexual beings (Genesis 1:27). God’s command to “be fruitful and multiply” cannot be fulfilled without sex (Genesis 1:28). Sex was designed to consummate the lifetime Union between a man and woman (Genesis 4:1; Matt. 19:6). Purity is a reflection of God’s own character. Hence, sexual purity is a treasure to be guarded and valued. However, sex has been misused and abused (Romans 1:24-25) in the world because of sin (Romans 3:23).

## **OUTLINES:**

### **SOME SEXUAL VICES**

#### CONSEQUENCES AND THE WAY OUT

##### 1. SOME SEXUAL VICES

Apart from adultery, which is a voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than his or her spouse (Ex. 20:14) and fornication which is sexual sins between unmarried people, the world has also invented so many sexual acts or practices contrary to God's intended purpose. Here are some of the sexual perversions that believers must guard against.

**Homosexuality:** Refers to sexual acts between people of the same gender. A man having sex with another man is gay while woman and woman sexual relationship is termed lesbianism (Lev. 18:22; Romans 1:26-27). This abominable act led to the destruction of the people of Sodom (Genesis 19:4-13),

**Incest:** Sexual activities between family members (Lev. 18:7-18),

**Paedophilia:** Perverted sexual attraction towards children,

**Bestiality:** Sexual affair with an animal (Leviticus 18:23),

**Rape:** Forceful sexual intercourse with an unwilling partner (2Samuel 13:10-14),

**Pornography:** The explicit literary or visual depiction of sexual subject matter with lustful intent; a display of materials of erotic nature e.g. Erotic videos, pictures, graphics or writings designed to

provoke sexual lust. Pornography is addictive (1Corinthians 6:12; 2Peter 2:19) and destructive (Proverbs 6:25-28),

Masturbation and use of sex toys,

Cyber-sex/Phone-sex: Sex-oriented messages or conversations over the internet or using of phone to have improper sexual conversation or to listen to explicit erotic messages for the purpose of sexual perversion. It is fantasizing about that which is immoral and impure (Philippians 4:8).

## 2. CONSEQUENCES AND THE WAY OUT

Involvement in sexual vices, if not repented of, can lead to destruction of destinies (Genesis 49:3-4; 1Corinthians 6:16), contracting of strange disease (Sexual Transmitted Infections) and defiles the body thereby hindering the fulfilment of God's purposes (1Corinthians 6:17).

Unrepentant sexual sin defile the heart, making it impossible to experience the power of the holy spirit in your life because it takes away spiritual covering (1Corinthians 10:8). It brings God's wrath (Numbers 25:1-11) and gives the devil (and his agents) the legal ground to operate (1Corinthians 6:19). Guilt and self-condemnation set in (Psalm 51:3). Sexual sin can destroy marriage and families.

In order to overcome sexual vices ( if you are already a victim), you must take the following steps:

Confess your sins to God (1John 1:9) and ask him to cleanse, renew and transform your mind (Romans 12:2)

Ask God to fill your mind With things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and commendable (Philippians 4:8).

Learn to possess your body in holiness (1Thessalonians 4:3-4)

Understand the proper meaning of sex and rely on your spouse only to meet that need, if you are married (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)

Realise that if you walk in the spirit you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

Exercise self-control and practically avoid things or places that can trigger lust (Genesis 39:7-9; 1 Corinthians 6:18).

7. Get involved in spiritual exercise (study the Bible, fast, pray and fellowship with genuine brethren).

Seek counsel from those who are in right standing with God and be willing to forgive yourself once God has forgiven you (Proverbs 11:14)

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Remember Jesus is coming back. We all will have to give account of our lives, even our sex life

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Identify five sexual vices known to you.

What are the ways out of sexual vices?

#### **ASSIGNMENT:**

Mention 5 ways by which those who have become addicted to sexual vices can be liberated.