

A Revealing Statement Concerning Sex

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An interesting article by John E. Gibson, entitled, "Do We Still Harbor Illusions About Sex?" appeared in *Family Weekly* magazine October 22, 1972. In this article, there are six propositions stated on the subject of sexual appeal and practice. The reader is asked to judge whether each statement is true or false. Answers are given in the text of said article supporting the truth or falsity of the respective statements. The answers are based on psychological studies by various agencies (universities, Public Health Service, et al.). One of the propositions and the discussion of it was of particular interest to me, and I think should be to all Christians.

The statement reads: "In today's permissive society, free-love advocates have little to worry about if precautions are taken against such things as accidental pregnancy or VD."
True or False?

The answer reads: "False. A questionnaire-study at the University of California indicates that 'casual sex, while it may give an immediate if shallow physical gratification, leads to emotional confusion, frustration, and a sense of personal worthlessness.' It was clear from the questionnaires, which called for the most intimate information on the lives of the individuals, that young people who seek total freedom in sex and in other matters end up in great emotional trouble."

God has so made and fashioned man in his own image that he is to live on a plane above that of the barnyard population or the residents of our back yards and alleys. He does not live normally (be he young or old) who either denies or ignores God's eternal moral principles in his selfish quest for personal "freedom" at whatever cost to himself or to others affected. Man and woman were just not manufactured to live in a sphere of sexual license with impunity.

Paul reminds us: "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:18). The sexual freedom we have is only within marriage (Heb. 13:4) We always hurt ourselves when we live "against the grain" of God's will.

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