

**S.O.H.L.** (5/24/10)

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

***Pronounced "Soul"***

# **The Damaging Effects Of Sexual Sins To The Single (Pt. 4)**

**Sex sin defiles your body and damages its ability to fulfill God's purposes.** Sex sin is unique in that we commit it against our own bodies ([1 Corinthians 6:17](#)). Our bodies function as temples of God's Spirit ([1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)). When we use our body for sex sin, we dishonor our body and defile God's temple. We're also defiling the people that we are sinning with. Our lack of respect for the body (and for God) damages our relationship with God.

**Sex sin grieves God's Spirit.** Any sin we practice will grieve God's Spirit ([Ephesians 4:31](#)). It puts out the "fire" of the Holy Spirit in our life ([1 Thessalonians 5:19](#)). The more we quench God's Spirit, the less we will be inclined to live a changed life in righteousness.

**Practicing sin forms a stronghold for evil in our lives.** When we repeatedly sin, we give evil an increasingly protected place in our lives. The more we give in to our sinful lusts, the more they have control over us. Paul described this as slavery to sin in [Romans 6:16](#). Sexual strongholds are particularly powerful, since they involve our body, soul and spirit. Thankfully, Jesus provided the means for us to break out of any stronghold and live for God in righteousness.

**Sex sin can bring a curse on you, your partner and/or your children.** Sex sin gives Satan a right to oppress us and our descendants through curses. The scriptural basis for generational curses is found in [Exodus 34:6-7](#) and several other passages. Promiscuity, adultery, divorce, infertility, frigidity and other reproductive problems can sometimes be traced to curses arising from sexual sin ([Numbers 5:11-31](#)). Please note that all curses can be broken by the applied blood of Jesus ([Galatians 3:13-14](#)).

**Sex sin can give evil spirits footholds to influence your life.** [Romans 1:28-32](#) Provides a vivid account of how sexual promiscuity and idolatry opened the door to many other forms of evil. The Bible offers plenty of additional examples of sex sin and the ensuing consequences. Perhaps the most famous is David's sin with Bathsheba. His adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband produced family strife, the death of his son and opportunities for enemies to blaspheme God ([2 Samuel 11-12](#)).

**Sex sin can bring spiritual confusion.** Spiritual confusion begins when we start pursuing the pleasures of sin and disregard our conscience of right and wrong. The more we pursue sin, the more our conscience becomes dulled ([1 Timothy 4:2](#), [Titus 1:15](#)). A dull conscience causes us to be susceptible to enemy's lies which will draw us progressively further from God ([James 1:14](#)). Eventually we may not even think our actions are sinful and our ability to repent can be hindered ([Hebrews 6:1-8](#)). Two examples of sex-related spiritual confusion are found in Romans and 1 Kings. The people in [Romans 1:24-32](#) sinned through sexual immorality and idolatry and were filled with all kinds of evil. [1 Kings 11](#) illustrates how Solomon, the wisest person that ever lived, descended into spiritual confusion through sexual idolatry with his pagan wives.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

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