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### Add to the List:

anger, lying, jealousy, rage, selfish ambition, envy, dissensions, divisiveness, drunkenness, greed, coarse joking, foolish talk, lust...

- Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5 <sup>NIV</sup>



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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.



***False Freedom***

“I can do what I want to do.”



***True Freedom***

“I can do what God set me free to do.”



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“Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues. There is no getting away from it: the old Christian rule is, “Either marriage, with complete faithfulness to your partner, or else total abstinence.” Now this is so difficult and so contrary to our instincts, that obviously either Christianity is wrong or our sexual instinct, as it now is, has gone wrong. One or the other. Of course, being a Christian, I think it is the instinct which has gone wrong. You can get a large audience together for a strip-tease act—that is, to watch a girl undress on the stage.

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Now suppose you came to a country where you could fill a theatre by simply bringing a covered plate on to the stage and then slowly lifting the cover so as to let everyone see, just before the lights went out, that it contained a mutton chop or a bit of bacon, would you not think that in that country something had gone wrong with the appetite for food? And would not anyone who had grown up in a different world think there was something equally [strange] about the state of the sex instinct among us?



I know some muddle-headed Christians have talked as if Christianity thought that sex, or the body, or pleasure, were bad in themselves. But they were wrong. Christianity is almost the only one of the great religions which thoroughly approves of the body – which believes that matter is good, that God Himself once took on a human body, that some kind of body is going to be given to us even in Heaven and is going to be an essential part of our happiness, our beauty, and our energy.

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Christianity has glorified marriage more than any other religion: and nearly all the greatest love poetry in the world has been produced by Christians. If anyone says that sex, in itself, is bad, Christianity contradicts him at once.”



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## Truth About **OUR BODIES**

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## Truth About **SEX**

### 1 Corinthians 6:16-17 <sup>NIV</sup>

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.**” <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.





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### 1 Corinthians 6:16-17 <sup>MSG</sup>

There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, “The two become one.” <sup>17</sup> Since we want to become spiritually one with the Master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy, leaving us more lonely than ever — the kind of sex that can never “become one.”



## Truth About **SEX**

**1 Corinthians 6:18** <sup>NIV</sup>

**Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.





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## Truth About **LIFE NOW**

### 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 <sup>NIV</sup>

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. **Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

