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The way I handle sex and money must be noticeably different than the culture around me.

1. How does the world handle sex and money?

But <u>sexual immorality</u> and <u>all impurity</u> or <u>covetousness must not even be</u> <u>named among you</u>, as is proper among saints. Ephesians 5:3 (ESV)

Sexual Immorality

Sexual Immorality means <u>any</u> sexual expression <u>outside</u> of marriage.

...older women as mothers, <u>younger women as sisters, in all purity</u>. 1 Timothy 5:2 (ESV)

If I wouldn't do it with my <u>sister</u>, I shouldn't do it with my girlfriend.

What does porn do to the male brain?

- It reduces women to a piece of meat that men consume to satisfy their sexual, appetite like they consume a piece of meat to satisfy their physical appetite.
- 2. Porn burns a woman's body into a man's memory bank. A man becomes dominated by flashbacks, like a soldier returning from war.
- 3. Men view women as objects, not persons.
- 4. A man's ability to emotionally bond with a woman is diminished as he becomes incapable of relating to a woman as a friend.
- 5. A man becomes incapable of providing the emotional transparency, fidelity and intimacy needed for marriage.

Cohabitation is also sexual immorality.

Impurity

Anything that is dirty.

Covetousness

Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, <u>and never satisfied are the eyes of man.</u> Proverbs 27:20 (ESV)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." Exodus 20:17 (ESV)

My speech should be noticeably different than the culture around me.

Let there be no <u>filthiness</u> nor <u>foolish talk</u> nor <u>crude joking</u>, which are out of place, but <u>instead let there be thanksqiving</u>. Ephesians 5:4 (ESV)

1. What should NOT be in my speech?

Filthiness

Anything that if repeated to others would make you blush.

What about Christian Profanity?

Foolish Talk

<u>Pointless</u> talk that doesn't matter. - <u>Moron</u> (your first Greek word)

Crude Joking

Anything said in an <u>innocent</u> way that is <u>twisted</u> to be obscene or suggestive.

2. What should be in my speech?

Thanksgiving

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

Why should I take this seriously?

3. If I persist in sexual sin or greed, I will not inherit the kingdom of God.

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Ephesians 5:5 (ESV)

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. <u>You cannot serve God and money.</u> Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

4. If I persist in sexual sin or greed, God may discipline me NOW.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Ephesians 5:6 (ESV)

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Persisting in sexual sin or greed is worshipping a rival God. It leads to God's wrath in this life and in the next.



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