

Moral Purity

We will engage in those activities which glorify God in our body and which avoid the fulfilment of the lust of the flesh.

- A. **Glorifying God in Our Body:** Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1Corinthians 3:16-17**). We are to glorify God in our body (**Romans 12:1,2; 1Corinthians 6:19,20; 1Corinthians 10:31**). We are to walk in the Spirit and not fulfil the lust of the flesh (**Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8**). Sinful practices that are made prominent and condemned in the Scripture include:-
1. **Sexual Immoralities** : Homosexuality (**1Corinthians 6:9, Romans 1:26-27**) Adultery (**Mathew 5: 27-29**) Sexual perversion (**Leviticus 18:23, 24-28**)
 2. **Worldly Attitudes:** Hatred, Envy, Jealousy (**Galatians 5:19-21**)
 3. **Corrupt Communication** : Gossip, Lies, Slander, Anger Outburst, Filthy words (**James 3:2,3,5,9,10,12; Ephesians 4:29; Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3: 9,16; Colossians 3: 8; Proverbs 6:19; 12:17; 16:28; 19:5; 20:19**)
 4. **Stealing:** (**Deuteronomy 5: 19; Ephesians 4:28**)
 5. **Murder :** (**Deuteronomy 5:17; Mathew 5:21-22**)
 6. **Drunkenness:** (**Ephesians 5:18**)
 7. **Witchcraft:** Witchcraft has to do with the practices of the occult, which are forbidden by God and lead to the worship of Satan. (**Leviticus 19:26; Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Revelation 22:15**)
 8. **Eating Blood:** (**Leviticus 17: 10-12; Acts 15:29**)
- B. **Reading, Watching, and Listening:** The literature we read, the programs we watch, and the music we listen too profoundly affect the way we feel, think, behave and act. It is important then that the Christian read, watch, and listen to those things that inspire, instruct, and challenge to a higher plane of living for God. Therefore, literature, programs, and music that are worldly in content or pornographic in nature must be avoided. A Christian is not to attend (or watch on television) movies or theatrical performances of a demoralising nature (**Romans 13: 14**). As well as watching and listening to Christian Programs should be for short period of time, because watching and listening over long period of time will lead us to loss our time and we cannot do what we ought to do for our families, our work and the ministry that God entrust to us. We
- C. **Benefiting Spiritual Well Being:** The use of leisure time of the life of a Christian should be characterised by those activities that edify both the individual and the body of Christ (**Romans 6:13; 1Corinthians 10:31-32**). We are to avoid places and practices that are of this world. Consequently, a Christian must not be part of any other types of entertainment that appeal to the fleshly nature and/ or bring discredit to the Christian testimony (**2Corinthians 6:17; 1Thessalonians 5:21,22; 1John 2:15-17; James 4:4-5**) Avoid to be yoked with nonbelievers people and friends (**Psalm 1:1, 1Corinthians 15:33, Proverbs 13:20**)