No For Prostitution Part 1

The word 'Prostitute,' or 'Prostitution,' has the following meanings:

1- To offer the body indiscriminately for sexual intercourse especially for money. A woman (harlot)/man (whore) who engages in sexual intercourse for money.

For this definition the bible informed us about people who used their bodies for prostitution to get money as in the following examples:

A- Rahab the prostitute, as you can read in Joshua 2:1 "1 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there."

B- The mother of Jephthah as you can read in Judges 11:1 "Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty warrior. His father was Gilead; his mother was a prostitute."

C- The prostitute that Samson went to as you can read in *judges 16:1 "One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her."*

Example for male prostitute is in the following Scripture: "No Israelite man or woman is to become a shrine prostitute." (Deuteronomy 23: 17) "You must not bring the earnings of a female prostitute or of a male prostitute into the house of the LORD your God to pay any vow, because the LORD your God detests them both." (Deuteronomy 23: 18)

2- To devote body and resources to corrupt or unworthy purposes. Prostitution is considered when a person considers using or having compromised principle for personal benefit.

For this second definition the bible informed us about more application about people of God would prostitute themselves when they move away from God's principles and use their lives and what God had given them in wrong purposes and for wrong principles and as in the following Scriptures and examples.

A- "15 Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. 16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same." (Exodus 34:15-16) When you bound yourself with yoke with the worldly people and go and intermingle with them then you are prostituting yourself with their worldly practices. When you and your family go along the people in the world and get involved and engrossed with their life and celebration and start to do and live like them then you are prostituting yourself. You need to shelter your son or daughter and protect them from being infected from the practices of the worldly people who are around you and around your family, "Do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will turn to prostitution and be filled with wickedness." (Leviticus 19:29)

B- "1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites and say to them: 'This is what the LORD has commanded: 3 Any Israelite who sacrifices an ox, a lamb or a goat in the camp or outside of it 4 instead of bringing it to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting to present it as an offering to the LORD in front of the tabernacle of the LORD -that man shall be considered guilty of bloodshed; he has shed blood and must be cut off from

his people. 5 This is so the Israelites will bring to the LORD the sacrifices they are now making in the open fields. They must bring them to the priest, that is, to the LORD, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and sacrifice them as fellowship offerings. 6 The priest is to sprinkle the blood against the altar of the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and burn the fat as an aroma pleasing to the LORD. 7 They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols to whom they prostitute themselves. This is to be a lasting ordinance for them and for the generations to come.' 8 "Say to them: 'Any Israelite or any alien living among them who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice 9 and does not bring it to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting to sacrifice it to the LORD --that man must be cut off from his people." (Leviticus 17:1-9) Before the tabernacle of God was build the people were offering their burn offerings and other offerings in different places and they continued to do that even after the tabernacle had been instituted. But that was not acceptable to God. Here as we read it is considered as had been offered to idols (goat idols) and not to God. In KJV Leviticus 17:7 you can read that such offering away from the tabernacle of God is offered to devils: "And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations." God wanted His people to bring what they wanted to give to Him to the tabernacle where the priests are located to work, so they can receive the offerings from them and examine them; to examine the source and who brought these things. God is concerned about people life and the quality of their life and living then after considers the value of what they offer. In the same way today God called everyone to be part of a church and whatever they want to give to God it must go through the church and not to bypass the leadership of the church. Why that is important? Because before we receive what the people offer we need to receive them and examine their lives and direct them how to live holy life unto the Lord. We are not called as church to receive tithes, first fruits or offering from people that we don't know or people that we have no input in their lives. Neither people under our care are allowed to offer to God without our knowledge and approval, otherwise that would be considered spiritual prostitution.

C- "I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people." (Leviticus 20:6) Horoscope, listening and relying on soothsayer or fortune teller is another way Christians prostitute themselves. 1Corinthians 6:15-16 says "15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 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." You are called to unite with Christ, through His word and by receiving His Holy Spirit. When you use other ways and means to reach conclusion of what you need to do and which decision you need to take then that is prostitution.

My dear and beloved: The above Scripture shall open your eyes that you can see clearly what the footholds are those devils may use to come in and destroy your life and ministry. God wants you to be pure, clean and wholly unto Him as you agree to pray. *My Prayer:* Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word and the way that you want me to serve you and live my life unto you. Lord forgives me and cleans me from the following sins ______. Lord give me discernment to see things the way you see them and give me boldness to stand firm on your word and say 'No' to sin and to wrong practices, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.