

Dancing

It is soon going to be time for Prom, and I thought it might be good to discuss dancing. To what extent can a young person who wants to honor Jesus participate in dancing? Can a person dance and still please the Lord? Is dancing consistent with the purity and holiness that God demands of a Christian?

There are several problems with dancing of which one should be aware. First, dancing appeals to human sexuality. It has sex appeal and outside of marriage, sex is sinful (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:3-5; Colossians 3:5). Second, dancing is lascivious and lustful. Lasciviousness has to do with a lack of proper restraint of the desires of the flesh. In general, it describes actions that tend to produce lust. Outside the relationship of marriage, this lust is sinful (Matthew 5:28; Romans 13:13-14). Third, dancing is associated with much that is evil. It is often the doorway to other sins (Matthew 7:15-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:22). Fourth, it destroys one's influence for good. We must strive to set a good example (Matthew 5:16; Luke 14:34-35; Philippians 2:15). The world is watching. Others are quick to notice any inconsistency between our belief and our conduct. Fifth, it places a stumblingblock before others. What kind of effect do you think dancing has upon your partner (Romans 14:21)?

The person who wishes to please God must examine their heart! Does it increase my love for God and His word? Does it increase my spirituality? Or does dancing arouse lustful desires within me or my partner? Does it serve as a starting point to baser desires? Dancing makes you turn your back on Christ!

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