

Living To A Higher Standard

A couple of weeks ago, New York's governor, Eliot Spitzer, resigned after it was learned that he paid a prostitute several thousand dollars for sex. On March 17, 2008, when new governor David Paterson was sworn-in, he admitted that he had cheated on his wife in earlier years.

In a press conference, Paterson said, "I think we have a marriage like many Americans, maybe even like many of you. Elected officials are really just reflections of the people we represent." Although this is sadly true, it does not change the fact that God created one man for one woman for life. Genesis 2:24 says, *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."* God never made a spare in case the first one did not work!

The common practice of premarital sex, either through casual dating or living together, is condemned by the word of God. The same holds true for adultery. The Hebrew writer said, *"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge"* (13:4). It does not matter that Mr. Paterson said that most marriages experience infidelity: it is still wrong!

One of the fruits of the Spirit is self-control (Galatians 5:23). If someone is a Christian, they have the Bible which can help them to overcome the lusts of the flesh, whatever those lusts may be. Everyone is capable of controlling themselves and being faithful to their marriage vows. The power of the gospel can accomplish this feat!

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