

Dating *(a 5-week GGC Gospel Growth series)*

Week 4: Intimacy & Accountability

“The world today exalts a self-centered, pluralistic, pleasure-seeking perspective on the topic of morality, especially sexuality. ‘If it feels good, do it. If it makes you happy, go for it.’ This is the anthem of the day. Our feelings are exalted as the ultimate authority of our lives and any semblance of an objective standard of moral absolutes is deemed puritanically prohibitive and intolerable. As feelings become authoritative, God’s Word is rendered impotent” – **Geoff Ashley**

“Sex is a wonderful gift from God, but it makes a terrible idol, brutal and unyielding in the misery it inflicts. - **Randy Alcorn**

Five Key Passages:

Romans 13:13-14

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh**, to gratify its desires.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

For this is the will of God, **your sanctification**: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to **control his own body in holiness and honor**, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in **holiness**. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

“Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, **in all purity.**”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for **you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body.**”

Romans 6:12-14

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but **present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life**, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”