



SEX, CHRIST, & CULTURE

INFO SHEET

Sexual Trends:

- 44% of Canadian Teens are currently engaging in sex
- Engaging in premarital sex when people **LOVE** each other:
 - 72% approve and accept, 19% disapprove but accept, 9% disapprove and do not accept
- Engaging in premarital sex when people **LIKE** each other:
 - 38% approve and accept, 37% disapprove but accept, 25% disapprove and do not accept
- Engaging in extramarital sex with someone other than one's marriage partner:
 - 5% approve and accept, 17% disapprove but accept, 78% disapprove and do not accept
- Engaging in homosexual relations:
 - 44% approve and accept, 28% disapprove but accept, 28% disapprove and do not accept
- Average first exposure to pornography is at age 11
- Largest consumer of internet pornography is the 35-49 age group
- 90% of 8-16 year olds have viewed porn online (most while doing homework)

Two extremes when it comes to sexuality...

We are angels vs. We are animals

Bodies and sex are seen as gross, dirty and disappointing. vs. Sex is casual and acceptable...in all its forms.

We are neither Angels or animals...we are Human Beings

As males and females we have been made in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)

- Our physicality and sexuality are part of our whole being and they are very good.
- Being created as males and females in the image of God demands that we act with purity with our sexual desires.

Purity = Sexual Desire + Honour and Holiness (1 Thes. 4:3-5)

Lust = Sexual Desire - A Supreme Regard for the Holiness of God

Lust = Sexual Desire - A Commitment to Honour Another Person

4 Key Areas we must apply these implications

- Our Dating Relationships
- Pornography
- Our Clothing
- Homosexuality

Resources: Jerry Ropelato's article "Internet Pornography Statistics" in Top Ten Reviews (2006)

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