

54. What does “impurity” mean in Eph. 3:3? Can dancing be impure?

Acts that lead to immorality.

Yes.

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1. Miriam and women praising Lord for deliverance from the Egyptians, Ex. 15:20-21.
2. Men & women dancing around golden calf, Ex. 32:19, 23.
3. Women dancing after victory over Philistines by King Saul and David, 1 Sam. 18:6-7.
4. David dancing after return of the Ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6:14,16.
5. Children dancing because they are happy, Job. 21:7, 11-12.

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6. Men & women praise the Lord thru dance, Ps. 149: 1-3.
7. Indefinite on who. Appointed times, not necessary approval, Eccl. 3:1,4.
8. Indefinite on who, parable, prodigal son, Luke 15:25,27.

No. Most scriptures are one sex by themselves. Many are for praise. Being in OT, not under this dispensation for worship.

56. How many of the 10 Principles of Right or Wrong does dancing may violate?

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Only 2 probably does not violate: Is it honorable? Is it lawful?

57. What are some reasons that are given to justify dancing in public?

1. I have no evil thoughts when I dance.
2. Chaperoned dancing is OK.
3. Let children go to school dances so not go to night clubs.
4. I do it for the exercise.
5. Necessary for social acceptance.
6. Go to clubs or ballrooms but I do not dance.
7. I did it and I turned out all right.

Idolatry

OBJECTIVE:

BE ALERT TO THE THINGS AND PRACTICES OF THE WORLD THAT WOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER SERVING GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND STRENGTH.

Defined

The worship of false gods
(Thayer, Strong's #1495).

Idolatry is Like...

I Sam. 15:23

For **rebellion** is as the sin of **divination**, And **insubordination** is as **iniquity** and **idolatry**. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also **rejected you from being king**.

- **Highlight** the words that idolatry is either associated with or has similarities.

REBELLION, SIN OF DIVINATION (07081 WITCHCRAFT), INSUBORDINATION, INIQUITY.

- What were the consequences for Saul?

REJECTED AS KING

First 3 Commandments.

Ex. 20:2-7

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- Highlight what is the basis for Israel obeying these commandments.
- Similarly, why should we obey God's Commandments.

BECAUSE HE IS GOD WHO HAS SAVED US, CREATED US AND PROVIDES FOR US.

- Number the first 3 commandments.

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- The commandments are stated as “You SHALL NOT”. Paraphrase the commandments as “You SHALL”.

- 1. YOU SHALL PUT ME (GOD) FIRST IN YOUR LIVES.**
- 2. YOU SHALL WORSHIP AND SERVE ME ALONE. MY LOVINGKINDNESS IS BASED ON YOUR OBEDIENCE.**
- 3. YOU SHALL BE REVERENT AND HUMBLE TOWARD ME.**

Admonitions

1 Co 10:14

Therefore, my beloved, **flee** from idolatry.

- **Highlight** what is the admonition concerning idolatry.

Gal. 5:19-21

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: ...

20 idolatry ...

21 ... and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things **shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Col. 3:5

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as **dead** to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Opposite of Idolatry

Mark 12:28-30

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- Highlight the verb in this commandment.
- Underline the word that follows “WITH ALL YOUR”.

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- Are there 4 things to do in loving God or 1? What is the meaning?

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- In the parallel passage in Luke, highlight the action in one color and the reward in another color.

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- Number the things God has done in vs. 24-26.

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- What **action** is God requesting?

REPENT

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Idols of Today

A. Technology.

1. Internet.
2. Smart Phones.
3. Facebook, Twitter, Other Social Networks.
4. TV.

B. Entertainment/Hobbies: Sports, football, hunting, fishing, sewing, cooking, gardening.

Eccl. 2:1 “I said to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself.” And behold, it too was futility.”

C. Self.

D. Prosperity.

1. Amass wealth — become insecure.

Prov. 23:5 “5 When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings, Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.”

Idols of Today

E. Popularity.

1. Liked by majority.

2. Matt. 7:13-15 “13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14 “For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”

F. Physical beauty.

1. Song of Solomon.

2. 1 Pet 3:3-4 “3 And let not your adornment be merely external--braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.”

3. What ever happened to character?

Idols of Today

G. Knowledge/Science.

1. **Prov. 1:8-9** “8 Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, And do not forsake your mother’s teaching; 9 Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, And ornaments about your neck.”
2. **Wisdom personified.**
3. **My son hear the instruction of your father.**
4. **What about spiritual wisdom?**

H. Power.

1. **My rights.**
2. **Matt. 20:27-28** “ 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.””
 - a) **Be first, be your slave.**

One committed to living “sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present age” will strive to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength on a daily basis. We will be ever alert to the schemes of Devil as he tempts us in replacing God with the things of the world. For these things will eventually pass away but we who place God first in our lives will live on forever with Him.