

The Sin of Dancing

DO NOT CONFORM.
TO THIS WORLD

THE SIN OF DANCING



■ IS THERE ANY HARM IN DANCING?

- THE QUESTION POSED SHOULD INDICATE THERE IS A DARKNESS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.
- WE NEVER ASK; IS THERE ANY HARM IN ASSEMBLING WITH THE SAINTS?
- WE NEVER ASK; IS THERE ANY HARM IN SENDING AN ENCOURAGING CARD IN THE MAIL?
- WE NEVER ASK; IS IT ANY HARM TO STUDYING THE BIBLE?
- THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT (GAL. 5:19)



What Does The Bible Say About Dancing?



■ EXAMPLES OF DANCING IN THE BIBLE

■ EXODUS 15:20-21

- ONLY THE WOMEN DANCED
- WAS DURING THE DAYLIGHT
- VICTORY DANCE OF JOY AND PRAISE TO GOD

■ JUDGES 21:19-21

- ONLY THE WOMEN DANCED
- WAS IN THE DAYLIGHT
- RELIGIOUS DANCE TO THE LORD





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■ EXAMPLES OF DANCING IN THE BIBLE

■ 1 SAMUEL 18:6-7

- ONLY THE WOMEN DANCED
- WAS DURING THE DAYLIGHT
- EXPRESSION OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE TOWARDS GOD

■ 2 SAMUEL 6:12-14

- DAVID DANCED ALONE
- WAS IN THE DAYLIGHT
- EXPRESSION OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE TOWARDS GOD





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■ EXAMPLES OF DANCING IN THE BIBLE

■ 1 CHRONICLES 15:25-29

■ DAVID DANCED ALONE

■ WAS DURING THE DAYLIGHT

■ EXPRESSION OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE
TOWARDS GOD

■ EXAMPLES FOUND WERE CONNECTED TO RELIGIOUS PURPOSES (ECCL. 3:4).

■ EXAMPLES WERE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE IN
THE OLD TESTAMENT AND WE LIVE UNDER
THE NEW COVENANT

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OTHER EXAMPLES OF DANCING IN THE BIBLE

EXODUS 32:15-19

- MIXED DANCING (V17 – PEOPLE)

- EX. 32:6 – DRINKING ALSO INCLUDED

1 SAMUEL 30:16-17

- DRINKING AND DANCING DONE BY HEATHEN NATIONS

JOB 21:7-16

- WICKED PEOPLE IN THE CONTEXT (V7, 16)

MARK 6:18-26

- A DANCING GIRL INFLUENCED HEROD TO KILL JOHN

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WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT SAY?

GALATIANS 5:19-21; ROMANS 13:13; 1 PETER 4:3

LASCIVIOUSNESS / LEWDNESS (ASELGEIA)

– “indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females” (Thayer).

“Absence of restraint, indecency, tending to produce lewd emotions” (Vines).

REVELRIES (KOMOS)– “A carousal as if letting loose” (Strong’s).

“It conveys an atmosphere where drinking and dancing are being participated in usually after dark” (Macknight, Thayer, Liddell and Scott).

“Singing, dancing, and all kinds of frolic after dark” (Vincent).

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■ THE WORLD'S RECOGNITION OF THIS TRUTH

■ “The popular teen-age dances of the mid 20th century have no set steps; the dancers respond spontaneously to the beat of the musicians. The degree of satisfaction attained by young people “twisting” or “shaking” to the blare of amplified music in dance halls, is different than their elders waltzing to the ‘Blue Danube’ - but only a difference of time and age. Fundamentally, both age groups are enjoying the pleasure of dancing in their own way. The end product is the same - physical pleasure in the activity of dancing and sexual awareness of a partner...” (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1979)

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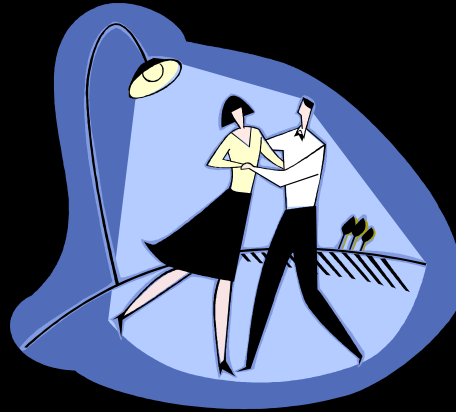
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■ “All ballroom dancing in pairs looks toward intercourse. In this respect the Puritans were dead right...The development of no-contact dances has come about because one doesn't now need a social excuse to embrace a girl, but as an excitant it need not involve contact at all - in fact, dances like the flamenco or the twist are far more erotic than a clinch because you aren't too close to see one another. At its best this sort of dance is simply intercourse by remote control” (The Joy of Sex, Alex Comfort, p 162, 1972)

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Bible Principles Violated When One Dances or Attends A Dance

- **PRINCIPLE #1: CHRISTIANS ASPIRE TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAN THE WORLD (ROM. 12:2; COL. 3:1-2; JAS. 1:21,27)**
- **PRINCIPLE #2: LASCIVIOUSNESS IS SIN (GAL. 5:19; ROM. 13:13; 1 PET. 4:3)**
- **PRINCIPLE #3: REVELINGS FORBIDDEN (GAL. 5:19; ROM. 13:13; 1 PET. 4:3)**
- **PRINCIPLE #4: A CHRISTIAN CANNOT CAUSE ANOTHER TO STUMBLE (MATT. 18:6)**
- **PRINCIPLE #5: A DANCE (PROM) IS NOT A PLACE OF PROPRIETY AND MODERATION (1 TIM. 2:9)**
- **PRINCIPLE #6: A DANCE (PROM) PUTS ONE IN EVIL COMPANY (1 COR. 15:33)**
- **PRINCIPLE #7: ATTENDING A DANCE (PROM) DESTROYS ONE'S INFLUENCE (PROV. 22:1; ACTS. 7:57-58; 8:1; 1 THESS. 5:22; 1 TIM. 4:12)**
- **PRINCIPLE #8: ATTENDING A DANCE (PROM) IS FLIRTING WITH TEMPTATION (ROM. 13:14; 12:9; PROV. 6:27,28)**



It is a sin.