

Is Fornication Wrong?

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If someone said to me: "Your mother slept with the entire football team." Would that be an insult, a compliment, or a neutral statement? Most people would take that as an insult. Logically speaking, you could only know that having sex with forty guys you are not married to is wrong because you first knew that having sex with one guy you are not married to is wrong. Increasing the number of participants does not make it immoral. A larger number just makes it worse. Extremes, in cases like this, do not establish principles. They only act as magnifying glasses. And when you look at something through a magnifying glass, it is hard to deny what it is.

If someone said to me: "Your mother slept with your father," I would not consider it an insult, and neither would most people I know. But what if he had sex with her forty times? Still no problem. And that is because there is nothing wrong with a married couple having sex.

All living things are governed by the Natural Law. That is, we all have a nature and if we try to sidestep it, we are adversely affected. Personal beliefs have nothing to do with it. A tomato plant has as its purpose the creation of healthy tomatoes. Deprive it of the correct amount of sunlight and water and you would get substandard tomatoes. That is because you have ignored the Natural Law. People are governed by the Natural Law too. Casual sex has not caused us to thrive as a species. It is the source of disease, poverty, and crime.

One study showed that only people with colds outnumbered people with STDs. *The New England Journal of Medicine* reported that approximately one in every three female college students in America is infected with a venereal disease called Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) (April 18, 1996). The medical Institute for Sexual Health reported that the greatest danger of HPV is that it is the probable cause of almost all cervical cancer" (April 1994).

Casual Sex leads to a lot of fatherless homes. Fatherless children routinely equal problem children. And that can equal crime and disordered behavior. Fatherless homes also create poverty as single moms have less resources to work with.

There is something else to consider. A promiscuous past very often breeds distrust in a married couple's relationship. If one or both spouses crossed the line often and easily in previous relationships, one wonders if it can happen again. That is not to say that it is. Only that it can cause doubts.

Proper water and sunlight give you the best chance of having healthy tomatoes. Abstinence before marriage, and fidelity after marriage, gives you the best chance of having a healthy relationship and sex life. Healthy marriages produce healthy families. Healthy families produce a healthy society.