

## The Poison Of Unholiness

### POINTS TO PONDER:

- We are all called to be HOLY.
- Holy doesn't mean PERFECT.
- Holy means to be "separated for Divine purpose."
- We are HOLY vessels because we "house the presence of God."
- To participate in UNHOLY things while being HOLY will never be pleasing to God.
- You can't be SEPARATED for Divine purpose and then 'shirk' the responsibility of Divine purpose on your life.

### READ: Daniel 5:1 – 31 **The Poison of using the Holy for unholy purposes**

- Belshazzar the king holds a party with over 1,000 guests invited.
- In the middle of the celebration, the king calls for the "CUPS" that used to be part of God's temple to be brought to him. These cups had become part of the spoils of war when Babylon captured Judah. The cups were part of the Jewish ritual of worship, designated as holy cups.
- Belshazzar took the cups (the cups designated by God to be used for His worship alone) and used them for an unholy purpose.
- (Read Exodus 37:10-16 and 40:9) These cups were set apart as HOLY. Though they looked like every other gold cup in appearance - they were different because of their purpose.
- God forgives us for all sin, but it touches Him deeply when we take what is holy and make it unholy.
- The cups were set apart for God's glory but used for unholy purposes.
- A hand shows up and writes on the wall - MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.
- Belshazzar was judged for despising that which was holy.
- Misuse brought an end to a kingdom in one night. He died that same night.

### READ: 1 Peter 1:13 - 16; 2:9

- You are considered to be HOLY by God.
- Salvation makes you a carrier of God's presence and that separates you as Holy.
- You are special because God is holy and you belong to Him.
- You should be different.
- You have to change the way you think - begin to think HOLY - SEPARATED - DIFFERENT.
- Stop living like you can get away with anything while claiming to be saved.
- Be holy because God is holy.
- When you become saved, your entire body/life is set apart for God's use.
- You become His, His holy cup (vessel)
- When you dabble in unholy ways, you mess with holiness.
- God thinks of us as holy to Him.
- It's not what we do or don't do that makes us holy, it's the fact that we belong to Him.
- The moment you make Jesus Lord, you become holy.
- **You are God's vessel, His cup.**
- When you use your body for unholy purposes, you set yourself up for failure.
- It not only affects you but also everyone around you.

## **UNHOLY POISONS TO AVOID**

### **1. Uncontrolled Sexuality.**

Uncontrolled sexuality is a primary poison of unholiness that is tolerated by many Christians.

- Sexual lusts are unholy.
- God designed sex between a man and a woman.
- Sex is a holy act - initiated and thought of by God in the original intent.
- We are made in the image of God. That image isn't just in appearance. The image of God is in the fact that we humans can create more humans. Childbirth is a HOLY thing.
- Sex and childbirth are holy acts.
- Sex and childbirth have both been hijacked by the devil and are now UNHOLY in nature.
- We now tolerate sex outside of covenant marriage and abortion of babies is legal.
- We have become an over sexualized generation.
- The sex act is no longer considered a holy union. It's now just a "hook up".
- Pornography, fantasy thinking, lustful thinking have ravaged the minds of many Christians.

**Why do so many Christians tolerate unholy behavior in the realm of sexuality?**

**How do you see sexuality impacting Christian values today?**

**If sex is such a holy union, God's idea, then why do many Christians struggle in the realm of sexuality and intimacy?**

**What do you believe has happened to make sexuality so prevalent an issue today?**

**Why is sex rarely perceived as a holy act?**

**Why do many Christians tolerate sexually deviant thinking and behavior?**

**Why is pornography so detrimental to a relationship? Is it? There are some who believe it is healthy. Can this be true?**

**What are some natural outcomes when "HOLY" is removed from the idea of sex and sexuality?**

**READ:** Galatians 5 - The Fruit of the Spirit

- The problem isn't sexuality. The problem is lack of relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- The perversion of the world tries to distract our attention from our need of the help of the Holy Spirit.
- You will never conquer out of control sexual behavior without the help of the Holy Spirit.
- When everything is tugging and pulling at you, remember you are holy.
- Ask God to help you live holy.