

Dancing

Introduction:

- A. It is embarrassing to even watch the news or TV commercials because of the shameless emphasis on sex.
- B. Our society is parallel to the pagan society in the first century. - Ephesians 4:17-19
- C. One of the most common manifestations of lasciviousness today is the social dancing. of unmarried couples.
- D. Proposition: The social dancing of unmarried couples, as commonly practiced in our society, involves sin.

I. Proof of Proposition

A. First Argument - Hebrews 5:12-14

- 1. The social dancing of unmarried couples, as commonly practiced in our society, involves “indecent bodily movements” and “unchaste handling of males and females.” - truism; What if they turned off the music?
- 2. “Indecent bodily movements” and “unchaste handling of males and females” is “lewdness” (Thayer. 79-80).
- 3. Therefore, the social dancing of unmarried couples, as commonly practiced in our society, involves lewdness.

B. Second Argument

- 1. The social dancing of unmarried couples, as commonly practiced in our society., involves lewdness.
- 2. Lewdness is a sin. - Galatians 5:19-21
- 3. Therefore, the social dancing of unmarried couples, as commonly. practiced in our society, involves sin. - Ephesians 5:11

II. Arguments in Defense of Dancing Answered

A. The Bible says, “There is a time to dance.” - Ecclesiastes 3:4

- 1. The modern social dance was unknown in biblical times. - “Of the social dancing of couples in the modern fashion there is no trace” (ISBE. 2:1170).
- 2. Three kinds of dancing are mentioned in the Bible (Which is the closest to modern social dancing?).
 - a. public rejoicing - 1 Samuel 18:6 (sexes separate, not amusement); e.g., rejoicing at end of WW II
 - b. worship - Psalm 149:3; 2 Samuel 6:14-16
 - c. lustful dances - Exodus 32:19-25; Mark 6:17-29 (idolatry, nakedness, murder)

B. “I don't think evil”

- 1. A man who says he can dance without thinking evil is either more than a man, less than a man, or a liar. - Proverbs 6:27
- 2. What about your influence on others? - Matthew 5:16
- 3. Girls, what about your partner? - Matthew 18:6-7

C. “The prom is a ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ deal.”

- 1. King Ahasuerus’ feast was a “once-in-a-lifetime” deal, but Queen Vashti refused to sin,

- even though it cost her the throne. - Esther ch. 1
2. It is a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity to show your friends what you are made of. - Daniel ch. 3
- D. “There's nothing else to do.”
1. What you mean is, you want to do this more than you want to engage in the many innocent activities available.
 2. Parents, we should provide wholesome activities for our young people. - Ephesians 6:4
- E. “All my friends go to the dances.”
1. Make some better friends. - 1 Corinthians 15:33
 2. Be a good influence on your friends. - Matthew 5:16
- F. “You can't be popular if you don't go to the dances.”
1. Whoever said being a Christian is popular? - John 15:18-19
 2. Do you have the courage of your convictions or not? - 2 Peter 1:5; cf. Genesis 39:1-20
- G. “I just watch; I don't actually dance.” - Would you go to a pot party and just watch?; cf. Ephesians 5:11
- Conclusion:
- A. Joseph was just a teenager when he had the moral courage to resist the advances of Potiphar's wife.
 - B. Young people, the social dancing of unmarried couples, as is commonly practiced in our society, involves sin.
 - C. Young people need to have the moral courage to refuse to go to the dances.