

## **Masturbation**

**After we come to a knowledge of the truth we can no longer plead ignorance. One day the race will begin. The term *masturbation* may not be correct. All children, all babies do it in a certain way — play with themselves. That part of the body has pleasure; it feels good. How do we handle it when it's our children? It is unreal to think they won't do it. Face it squarely. We have to know how our Father thinks about it, not how it's been handed down to us to think.**

### **From the World**

**Our children need to be prepared fully for the days that are coming. We won't last or understand the parables or prophesy without the Proverbs. Our children will have to influence the influx people from the world coming in and not vice versa. Proverbs teaches us all these things.**

**Girls who haven't been told about their period may think they are dying the first time it happens. Boys may have "wet dreams" (nocturnal emissions) and think they urinated at night. They have no idea what went on, having even forgotten their dreams. This *will* happen to *our* children. We have to be a friend to our children and let them know they can talk to us about anything: sexuality, masturbation, wet dreams, the beginning of menstruation, and outside influences on their lives. It is necessary that we do train our children. Our children need to be intimate with us. They need to be able to tell us what some other child wanted them to do. They need to be able to ask any questions, anything that might lead to an aberration of perversion.**

We must pray that our Father would speak to us, to know His mind on the subject. The Scriptures don't endorse or condemn masturbation. Does no specific reference in Scripture give us liberty to do as we please? We may feel condemned for what is legitimate and vice versa. We must learn what pleases Him (Eph 5:10). We have the law in our hearts and minds now. If we are under the anointing then we all know (1 Jn 2:20).

### **Sexual Immorality**

**We must determine what sexual immorality is. No immoral person will enter the Kingdom (Eph 5:5).**

**What is sexual immorality? Is it just sex with another person? Perversions of sex? Or can it be a secret individual thing, solo or solitary sex? Is masturbation sexual immorality? In our children masturbation probably will not arise from things besides normal sexual desire. (But not so with children coming into the community out of the world.) Pornography gives rise to masturbation beyond normal and natural desire. We will have many gravely damaged people coming into the Body, with exhibitionistic, sadistic, masochistic tendencies, etc.**

### **Cleanliness and New Moon Festival**

**1 Sam 20:26 — "Nevertheless Saul did not speak anything that day, for he thought, 'It is an accident, he is not clean, surely he is not clean.'" Shaul thought something must have befallen him (NIV), that he was unclean, which kept him away from the New Moon Festival. What could it have been?**

**Lev 15:16 — An emission of semen would make him unclean until evening, unable to come to the New Moon Festival. Lev 15:18 is distinct from verse 16 — there are two different emissions of semen. Verse 24 would have meant he actually got blood on him, and so was unclean for seven days. Verse 25 — If she continues to bleed after a regular period, count off seven days before you go to bed with her. For a regular monthly period you can come back together at the start of the eighth day. A man should count off seven twenty-four hour periods after his wife first sees the flow of blood. Then her eighth day begins.**

**Lev 15:24 — This is absolutely unintentional. He didn't know. Lev 18:19 is intentional — both would be cut off from the people (Lev 20:18). Is that still in the New Covenant or did it end with Messiah? To sin against your conscience immediately cuts you off if you've come to a knowledge of the truth. Our Father wants to be involved in every aspect of our life. This isn't a burden; it's to keep us from getting the diseases of the world. We in the New Covenant will fulfill this. We're going to satisfy Rom 8:4. If our flesh is still active we'll act according to the flesh and be under the law. Our flesh must be cut off every day so we can walk according to the Spirit — fulfilling of the Law (Rom 8:4).**

There are sacrifices for unintentional sin but none for intentional sin. We can't sin deliberately, thinking, "I'll

sin now and sacrifice or confess it later.” No sacrifice is left (Heb 10:26). Many people didn’t have a heart to obey even in the simple things of which they did have a knowledge of the truth. That is why they were cut off even while they remained in the community.

Lev 5:2 — He still needed to offer a sacrifice even if he was aware that he had touched an unclean thing. Lev 5:5 — He must confess in what way he has sinned. Forgiveness is not released without confession. David did something, Saul thought. It was not Lev 18:19 or anything that would have cut him off from Israel, or Saul would have known about that.

Lev 15:24 — Although it is tremendously more sanitary today, we can’t throw the law away and we can’t be under the Law. We have to walk softly here, understanding the heart of our Father. We sleep on a separate bed from our wife during her period if there is any risk of physical contact. What does our Father think about a women breaking bread two weeks after a child is born? A woman requires great rest after having a child. We have to understand the practical value of these things these days. That is why we need prophecy.

A New Moon Festival went on for three days: 1 Sam 20:19 — third day, verse 27 — second day. 1 Sam 16:5 — They had to prepare themselves physically and spiritually. *Consecrate* means to make or declare sacred (Ex 19:10-15). There has to be a preparation before you do things like enter the Breaking of Bread, go to a circumcision, lay hands on someone, come to Celebration — there has to be a time of consecration. These things are important before we begin the nation. Can a nation be born in a day? It can’t be done. A child can’t be brought to birth without pain. It’s a simple task to raise up the twelve tribes. The hard part is maintaining the ever-increasing light for fifty years. Without knowing these things a nation can’t be born. What happens if our light starts dwindling, waning, if we don’t put the moon under our feet? We can’t pass on the Holy Spirit then.

1 Sam 20:26 — Wouldn’t it be highhanded rebellion to not consecrate yourself before a New Moon Festival? For instance, by coming together with your wife? But Saul thought something befell David.

### **Aberration**

**Aberration is a deviation from the right and normal way. We’ve got to be restored in all things. We have to go back to our Father’s intended way of conduct. Aberration is deviating from the natural way — the moral standard by nature or the Bible. We must be ready for all kinds of questions. For example, is oral sex okay? Is it normal or natural? Is it good or bad? Where did we learn it was good or bad? How will we ever train our children? What will we say if someone gets saved and teaches our children and they ask the parents about these things? We must have one mind about these things. What does our Father think about this? Before the nation begins we must have one mind.**

**In the public schools oral sex is taught as an alternative to getting pregnant or getting AIDS. These are more reasons why we can’t send our children to public school, even if they kill us. We’d be dead anyway if we allowed them to go.**

**Rev 21:8; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Ps 24:3-4 — Those who do not lift up their soul to an idol will ascend the hill of the Sovereign. Instead we must be those who lift up our soul to Him (Ps 25:1). 1 Cor 6:9-11 — Some of were this way, but we’ve been washed, sanctified, justified. Aberration is in the mind and it was put there by a spirit of error, changing one from the way he should be to something else. We learned everything wrong, not in correspondence to man’s natural state at creation. Man in his fall is an aberration of a mirror, no longer giving a perfect representation of the image reflected. We were created in the image of our God, but we’ve been distorted. Yahshua was the perfect representation of the Father; there was no aberration in Him. This is how we will be.**

**A mirror with an aberration will give you a distorted and inaccurate reflection of yourself. It is a failure in its refracting surface to produce an exact point-for-point correspondence between the object and the image. An aberration is also an unsoundness or disorder of the mind. We’ve got a disorder and we’ve got to change it. There can’t be any aberrations in the Stone being raised up to crush the toes. The aberrations are the wrinkles in the garment.**

**To correspond is to be absolutely and totally in conformity to His will and purpose. In any relationship we have to co-respond to one another or it won’t be any good. Can you imagine having a friend you don’t**

respond to? We perfectly adjust to one another's needs and desires; that's how husbands and wives are. We must be made to correspond to Him and not Him to us.

We have to know what is right and proper or we'll raise a bunch of aberrant children. If a parent has his own mind about masturbation (or anything else), thinking the way his father raised him was right, he will pass that on. There will be many different standards among our children, leading to condemnation. No one can be an island here; what we do affects each other.

There is still an underground among our children. We need a proper relationship with them so they'll tell us what they've been hearing. We don't want different thinking from clan to clan, but one mind, one heart, one way. This will bring peace. What is the mind of our Father?

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Our children have to be taught the proper way to think about it. We can't impose a law upon them — it will only condemn them and amplify the desire to do it. We must tell them about it in a good, wholesome way so they can understand what is going on in them. Only in the law of liberty can one come to know what is pleasing to our Master. He gave up His life of His own accord (Jn 10:18) because He loved the Father and wanted to please Him. We must adjust our behavior accordingly.

It doesn't say, "Thou shall not masturbate in the Bible," because it would place such a heavy burden on people. It is our children's choice to masturbate or not. We must be free of all the stuff our parents passed on to us about it. If we put impositions on them that our Father is not putting, we'll foster an underground, leading to further ungodliness.

Our children need to be able to talk to us about any subject without embarrassment, but we can't divulge more than the child's maturity level allows. Once they have embarrassment about a subject you know an aberration is forming there. We are the ones who pass on embarrassment to our children. Some children in our midst are ignorant and they don't know how to masturbate. It's fine that our children are naïve, but they must come into wisdom. Our problem will be outsiders educating our children. We must guide them and educate them on masturbation so that evil spirits won't prey on their ignorance. Lev 15:16-17 — They must know that every time they masturbate they have to clean all over. Two to three times a week is beyond what is necessary for normal sexual release. Lev 15:16-17 alludes to the possibility of masturbation, an emission of semen possibly brought about by one's own manipulation. It neither condemns nor condones the emission of semen, but it does condemn you for not bathing — that is disobedience. Evidently no sin is implicated just by having an emission. It could be sin depending on what your mind is set on (lust). What the scripture is concerned with here is what one does afterwards.

The Bible takes it for granted that there will be emissions of semen by single or married men. It talks about what to do when it happens. An emission requires no sacrifice (Lev 22:4-5; Dt 23:10-11). Note Dt 23:12-13 for the sake of verse 14. He sees everything, even how we deal with our bowel movements. He moves about in the camp; let Him not see anything that would turn Him away from you. What intimacy He has with us! This is how we must be with our children.

So the emission of semen made the man unclean, not the act itself. But when you come to an appointed time you must be prepared for it, consecrated. If your mind is on something else, you're unfit.

#### **Cleanliness**

Lev 15:18 — Here is a man excluded from certain activities because he has not prepared himself for the meeting. The semen and the thoughts he may have had made him unclean (Lev 15:18-19). Masturbation or release could have been resisted before the special event. The spirit of this must be kept by the new, spiritual Israel walking according to the Spirit (Rom 8:4).

Lev 15:24 — This was accidental. So why is he unclean for seven days? Some things are not revealed to us now but may be later. It's wonderful not to be a know-it-all. How could such a thing happen? In the middle of intercourse she started her period. Lev 15:25 — If you know she's having her period, to come together would be a deliberate, intentional sin. It would have been better to masturbate than to be cut off from Israel (Lev 20:18). This is so serious that once you come to a knowledge of the truth (Heb 10:26), whether you come and confesses it or not you are cut off. The sin actually comes upon you (Num 15:30)

**and you die spiritually. It's according to your heart and your motive. It possibly could be forgiven if you fell into it. This is why you take people into custody, to see whether it was high-handed, intentional rebellion or not.**

**Pr 5:11-14 — Many have come to ruin because they didn't listen to the teachings, the Word, their brothers and sisters. The person will be cut off even if he doesn't confess it. Our Father knows. He cuts you off from heaven and you have no more grace. Everyone who does not take heed to what our Master says will be utterly cut off (Acts 3:23).**

**Num 15:22-36 — If we are ignorant we won't enter the Kingdom. Jn 14:21 — Those who love Him are those who have His commandments and obey them. We can't help but follow the customs of the nations if we continue to be ignorant. Num 15:30 — You can bring an offering for unintentional sin but not for intentional. Such a one would go to the second death for Israel. His guilt remains on him because he has despised Yahweh's word.**

Lev 15:16-18 — The cleansing procedure had a hygienic purpose. AIDS today is spread through bodily fluids, semen and blood having the highest concentrations. Our Father places certain boundaries for Israel and the stranger in many different places in the Law. These boundaries are His kindness. We have to stay where His kindness can reach and bless us. If we go outside them it's like jumping off the roof. If we don't like it we don't love Him and we incur His wrath. This is not what He wants (Jn 15:10).

Blood and semen carry certain diseases. Millions have incurred diseases this way. Cleansing procedures follow an emission or flow of blood, as well as separation of close personal contact.

Our Father wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives. This causes us to love Him more. We are a royal priesthood who declare His excellencies (1 Pet 2:9). A sick and diseased person can't declare His excellencies. Christianity practices all the abominations that the former inhabitants of the land practiced. We are not the people upon whom the curse of the Law has come.

Our Father cares about what we do when no one else is around. Our character is revealed when no one else is around. Do we gobble our food down when we are alone and pray when people are there? Our faith is either real or unreal when no one else is around. This will teach us to be sensitive in all our ways.

Pr 3:5-6 — When we acknowledge Him in all our ways He will direct our path. We are in the process of having His laws engraved in our hearts. This is what is happening to us. We are coming to know the covenant. Mal 3:2 — Who can stand in that day? The covenant is like a refiner's fire or fuller's soap. It is going to get worse or better, depending on our attitude. How many will abide in Rom 8:4? We must walk by the spirit and not the flesh. These laws demanded, in the right spirit, self-control and good sexual conduct and behavior. Grace establishes the Law, not destroys it.

### **What Have We Learned?**

**2 Tim 3:16 — For many years we have been doing what was right in our own eyes, but now we must go by the Scripture. Lev 15:16-17 speaks of wet dreams and masturbation, the unconscious and conscious emission of semen from our body. In your sleep you have a release of semen. It is a necessary device, not evil. Masturbation releases a natural buildup for a man. It is also pleasurable. This adds to it, like the pleasure in eating. How many would be overweight if there were no pleasure in eating? We wouldn't have as many babies if it didn't feel good. Does it feel good? Is this bad? But there is a greater motivation than pleasing yourself. Wanting to have children transcends mere physical gratification; it's spiritual. Our Father wants to be intimately involved with us. We want that with our children in their questions about sexuality.**

**So is masturbation moral, immoral, or amoral in itself (apart from the thoughts one may be entertaining)? Frequent masturbation goes beyond release and is the work of an evil spirit. Our Father wants to be involved in the most intimate aspects of our life, including masturbation. We can tell our children this. It will release them from evil spirits that come. We can teach our children to judge themselves, gently talking to them, not threatening, laying down the law.**

### **Self-Control**

**1 Cor 7:2-7 — Verse 5, what is Paul talking about here? Satan tempting you to do what? Lust after another**

women? Masturbation? To engage in a past perversion that comes up most readily when the man is not finding fulfillment in his relationship with his wife? A sin that so easily entangles him but nonetheless that is to be thrown off. 1 Cor 7:5 — It is Satan tempting. It says Satan, not your own flesh. Satan won't just try to make you masturbate but he would probably tempt you with another women.

1 Cor 7:9 — The safeguard against burning with passion is marriage, not masturbation. Masturbation isn't the provision for lust or burning with passion. Masturbation is not an alternative to marriage; the gift is the alternative — the gift of being single (verse 7).

If our children are going to masturbate it should be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, not condemned and never drinking the Victory Cup. Maybe this is the gift — only maybe. With this teaching we'll have less tendency to condemn our children. We'll need a few more years to understand this.

Lev 15:16 — Masturbation or release is not necessarily a sin or it never would have talked about an emission apart from sexual intercourse. Unless it is accompanied by fantasies or lust, it is not sin. Some people enjoy this more than going to bed with their own wives. This is an aberration of the mind. Jms 1:21 — We are to rid ourselves of all filthiness and all that remains of lawlessness. We must receive the implanted word that is able to save our souls from death.

1 Ths 4:3-6 — Verse 6 is not masturbation because you are not wronging your brother. Is that right? It is very serious if we reject this, but what does it mean? We must all be able to control our own vessels (or bodies or wives) in sanctification and honor. It means what it says — if we reject this we reject Him. He will avenge this.

Is anyone able to control his whole body? Jms 3:3 — We may not be able to control our tongue but our Father knows our heart. Self-control is the fruit of the Spirit. If we don't have self-control we may not have the Spirit. Perfect self-control approaches our glorious state. The race must begin not on our perfection but on our intention and determination. Otherwise we wouldn't have anywhere to run to (Heb 12:1). To run we must be able to be as free as possible. The Greek says the sin that so easily girdles us. 1 Cor 9:24-27 — We must exercise self-control (which may or may not include the temporary release of sexual pressure).

Our Father considers our methods of controlling our bodies to be important. (Rom 12:1-2) We should control our bodies in a holy and honorable way. We have to maintain personal dignity before our Father. We can't shut Him or the angels out of the bedroom. We must sow to please the Spirit (Gal 6:8). 1 Ths 4:4 — In the Greek it says we are learning how to control our bodies. If we are learning to love Him we'll do it. We are controlling our bodies because we love Him and we want to please Him. Why did our Master lay His life down? Because He loved His Father. That is the law of liberty. We must be increasing.

1 Ths 4:4 — Is this saying masturbation is sexual immorality? No, but a mind filled with lustful thoughts is. Or is it saying masturbation is something we all resort to from time to time for our own comfort, pleasure or release? 1 Ths 4:3, yet verses 6 and 8 seem to say it is not masturbation since it affects someone else. Lustful thoughts hurt your thoughts towards others. We must live perfectly as far as our communion and our unity are concerned. We must not defraud our brother (Mt 18:8). We have to be perfected in our unity.

Defrauding a brother is a sin going beyond Mt 5:28. Whoever defrauds has transgressed beyond the point where he can be forgiven. Mt 5:28 is going beyond a thought; it is getting into total thoughts and fantasies. Fantasies are dangerous things — we should flee them.

If you think dealing with your children is hard, think about 10,000 after them. What we are called to do is impossible, but we have to do it.

1 Ths 4:4 is not masturbation. It is sexual immorality. Those who intentionally sin this way are cut off in this age. It is not just thoughts but action beyond remedy in this age. There is always a way of escape, especially with these types of sins.

Can masturbation occur apart from lustful fantasies? Yes, especially with our children. Can it simply be a biological release of pent-up sexual energies? But many times it comes from lusts building up the tensions calling for sexual release. Jms 1:14 speaks of sin leading to death. 1 Jn 5:16 — They cannot be re-grafted in; you do not have to pray for them.

The Scriptures do not directly state that masturbation can be used to control our passions, nor do they directly

condemn the practice. How can we advise our children? If we have arrived at a decision or answer we should all agree on it and work it out in the lives of us and our children.

### **What are the pros and cons of masturbation?**

#### **Cons:**

- a. **It leads to self-centered sexual identity.**
- b. It leads to pre-mature ejaculation.
- c. Could fuel sexual fantasy.
- d. It can rob the wife of her relationship.

#### **Pros:**

- e. It can be a release when needed, but must be judged right, not by lust.

### **Heart to Heart Communication with our Children**

**Don't discipline a younger child for exploring and playing with himself. If you find an older child masturbating, don't ignore it or condemn it. Take the opportunity to communicate your love.**

**Communicate the wonders of the human body, that it is a magnificent and wonderful creation that our Father designed to use for His purpose. We might also say, "It does feel good to touch your private parts. Our Father made it that way. I know, I went through the same thing. Our body is special and we should use it and care for it properly."**

**If this practice is excessive we must maintain a relaxed, positive attitude, "I know it feels good, but it is inappropriate sometimes." During puberty or youth masturbation becomes a greater concern since it is in response to greater things working in them. We need to be sensitive to the child's feeling. We need to initiate a conversation about masturbation before we suspect anything, probing, finding out what they know. We don't need to give them a lesson if they don't know.**

**We must calmly direct our children back to us, not to other children. Our children need to hear about masturbation from us and not from another child in the Edah. They will talk to the unsuspecting child, so we must talk first. We must continue to have meetings on this so our children will have a chance to be Rev 14. The younger couples also need to hear these things.**

**A father might talk to his own son in his early teens (or younger) about his own feelings when he was his age. He should tell him the correct word for playing with himself. Tell him exactly that it is massaging to release semen. Make sure you communicate semen is for having children. He needs to know why we have these feelings, sexual desires, etc. The father must go over the Scriptures with his son to help him decide what our Father feels about masturbation. We should gauge the content of what we communicate by the maturity of the child.**

**Remember what you want to accomplish:**

- i. To let your son know of our Father's desire to be involved in his sexuality.
- ii. To show him what the Bible says about this.
- iii. To have him experience our Father's and our unconditional love and affection

**for him.**

**iv. To have him be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in his life and to see the application of the Scriptures in his life.**

**Proverbs are our answer to keep them out of the world's influence and aberrations. Then we will place masturbation in its proper place and not have an evil condemning conscience. This is where evil spirits feed.**

**The topic of masturbation will be most difficult to discuss with your child, but if you love him you won't wait until it is too late. It is intensely personal. He needs to talk to you, the parent, about it, and not his**

**friends who may already be defiled or corrupted with an evil conscience — they are already confused. If you don't talk with him he will have serious setbacks and serious problems. He will suffer.**

**Our children should be able to talk openly and honestly about all things — any subject. Talking about masturbation is not easy but it is critical. Once you get past the initial discomfort it will bond you to your child. It will bond you with a deep intimacy; it is impersonal without this bonding.**

**How do you think your child's friend will present masturbation better than you can or will? We have got to have wisdom. Are you prepared to respond if you find your child in this? Do you think your child already knows about masturbation? Can you anticipate a good time because of the bonding and intimacy?**