

*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## DANCING IS LASCIVIOUSNESS

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The word of the Lord condemns lasciviousness.

*“That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man” (Mk. 7:20-23).*

*“And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed” (2 Cor. 12:21).*

*“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness... and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21).*

*“Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto*

*lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness” (Eph. 4:19).*

*“For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries” (1 Pet. 4:3).*

*“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 4).*

What is “lasciviousness”? W.E. Vine defines it this way: “...excess, licentiousness, absence of restraint, indecency, wantonness;... The prominent idea is shameless conduct...” (*Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, p. 310). Joseph Henry Thayer says, “unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence... wanton (acts or) manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females, etc.” (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, pp. 79-80).

Dancing involves indecent bodily movements and unchaste handling of males and females. It involves people in the sin of “lasciviousness” and the Bible says, “...that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:21).

Some questions to honestly answer about dancing:

Are you walking with wise men or a companion of fools (Prov. 13:20)?

Are you being the salt of the earth (Mt. 5:13)?

Are you letting your light shine (Mt. 5:14-16)?

Are you being conformed to this world or transformed (Rom. 12:2)?

Are you fleeing fornication and lusts (1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Tim. 2:22)?

Are you denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, living soberly, righteously and godly (Titus 2:12)?

Are you abstaining from all appearance of evil (1 Th. 5:22)?

Are you abstaining from fleshly lusts (1 Pet. 2:11)?

Are you following Jesus’ steps (1 Pet. 2:21)?

## A GROWING CHURCH

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*“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” (Eph. 4:16).*

Church growth requires every part working and every joint supplying.

**EVERY MEMBER PRESENT**  
(HEB. 10:25; MT. 6:33)

**EVERY MEMBER GROWING** (1 PET. 2:2; 2 PET. 3:18)

**EVERY MEMBER STEDFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING** (1 COR. 15:58)

**EVERY MEMBER UNITED** (EPH. 4:13; 1 COR. 1:10; PHIL. 1:27; 3:16)

**EVERY MEMBER WORKING** (EPH. 4:16; NEH. 4:6)

**EVERY MEMBER ADDICTED** (1 COR. 16:15-18)

**EVERY MEMBER LIVING RIGHT** (EPH. 4:1, 17; COL. 3:7)

**EVERY MEMBER FAITHFUL** (MT. 25:21,23; 1 COR. 4:2; REV. 2:10; 17:14)

**EVERY MEMBER WARNING** (1 TH. 5:14)

**EVERY MEMBER PRACTICING DISCIPLINE** (1 COR. 5; 2 TH. 3)

**EVERY MEMBER SOWING KINGDOM SEED** (LK. 8:11)

**EVERY MEMBER WINNING SOULS** (PROV. 11:30)

**EVERY MEMBER PREACHING THE WORD** (ACTS 8:4)

**EVERY MEMBER HUNGERING AND THIRSTING** (MT. 5:6; JOB 23:12; PS. 119:172; 1 PET. 2:2)

**EVERY MEMBER NOT TOLERATING ERROR** (GAL. 2:5; 2 JN. 9-11)

**EVERY MEMBER SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY** (ACTS 17:11)

**EVERY MEMBER EARNESTLY CONTENDING** (JUDE 3)

**EVERY MEMBER TRANSFORMED** (ROM. 12:2; 2 COR. 6:14-18; EPH. 5:11)

**EVERY MEMBER FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT** (EPH. 5:18; COL. 3:16)

**EVERY MEMBER MINISTERING** (MT. 25:41-46; HEB. 6:10)

**EVERY MEMBER INCREASING** (1 TH. 3:12; 4:10)

**EVERY MEMBER ABHORRING EVIL** (ROM. 12:9; ACTS 19:19-20)

**EVERY MEMBER HAS THE SAME CARE** (1 COR. 12:25-26)

**EVERY MEMBER DOING WHAT THEY CAN** (MK. 14:8)

If it is to be, it is up to me! What more can I do? If every member would ask this question and get to work, growth would occur. Shame on those members who are not working or supplying. Thank you to those who are abounding in the work!

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