

## PHONE SEX AND STRIP CLUBS

“What is phone sex?” some people may wonder. Phone sex is when someone pays a person to say provocative sayings over the phone to bring them sexual pleasure or to help the one who called to reach a sexual climax. But why would some people do this, make phone calls and talk to a stranger when dealing with a matter so intimate? The reasons may vary, but the central void is clear: a lack of intimacy with Yahweh.

How does intimacy with Yahweh through prayer, communion, and fellowship with His people bring fulfillment meant to appease the sexual way? Take a look at this Scripture:

(1) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (2) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

—Romans 12:1-2 NIV

This is a complex concept for many to embrace, the idea that a Great God observes how we maintain His temple, the human body. As followers of King Jesus, our bodies should be under Kingdom order. But what would a phone call with masturbation to the moaning and the heavy breathing of the one on the line produce? It is a form of defilement.

What about strip clubs? Should a Christian go and view men or women taking off their clothes? No, for this way of sexual temptation steers the person to crave the man or woman revealing their nakedness. King Jesus says in the Book of Matthew,

(27) “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ (28) But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

—Matthew 5:27-28 NIV

You don't even have to have actual intercourse to commit adultery from your heart. This is King Jesus' way of looking at lust. So, why place your heart in that position to lust and crave a person who isn't yours? Why place your heart in that position where you visualize having sex with them, seeing their face while engaging with your spouse? Why carry pictures on your phone of what you saw on the Internet? The images will spiritually drain you. The hiding of magazines and strip club receipts is not hidden in Yahweh's vision.

Yahweh sees everything even if your spouse never knows. Who are you honoring when you live a fake Christian life? To live for Christ is not about pretending. Man looks at the outside, but Yahweh looks at the heart. And your heart may spew up many things within that will not bring glory to Yahweh or show honor to the marriage. Stay away from the phone calls of sexually based ways. Look to asking Yahweh to help you find a spouse if single. If married, spend time with your spouse to look within the married way for where there needs improvement.

And start checking or gauging what you view on social media. The peer pressure will weigh heavily, and you may fear rejection. What if your old friends always had a "good time" at the strip club? Then consider new friends, those close to you who influence you. You will have unsaved (non-Christian) friendships and acquaintances, but never should anyone turn you against serving King Jesus, and you willingly allow it. You may not be able to make your friends serve Yahweh and honor His way of living, but no Christian should feel that they need that friendship over doing what is pleasing to Yahweh.

Let your body, Yahweh's temple, be a pleasing way. Clean hands and a pure heart. Seek Yahweh for a cleansing. Pray and ask for wisdom to know which way to go or what to say. But you know Yahweh's will concerning honoring Him and His Word. Do so.