



### **Ephesians 5:3-7**

<sup>3</sup> But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them.

**Love, Sex & Dating**  
**When Mr. Right Is So Wrong**  
**Ephesians 5:3-7**  
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**Big Idea: Christians don't \_\_\_\_\_, but set the \_\_\_\_\_ in relationships.**

How do I never settle, but set the standard high in my relationships?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ others with my body
2. \_\_\_\_\_ others with my words
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in purity with my desires

**Applying it to my life:**

Set the standard in your relationships by:

1. Staying immersed in His Word
2. Covering your current/future relationship in prayer
3. Having community and accountability rooted in Christ

**LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
**For the week of July 14-21**  
**Ephesians 5:3-7**

**GETTING STARTED**

- 1.If you could use one word to describe dating in today's culture, what would it be?

**SERMON OVERVIEW**

- 2.Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

**DIGGING IN**

Read Ephesians 5:3-7

3. If you find/found dating to be complicated, why is that?
4. Why does Paul emphasize the importance of thanksgiving compared to obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking?
5. What does Paul mean by "not even a hint of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or of greed"? How can we apply this to our relationships?
6. What practical steps can you take in your relationship to ensure that you avoid behaviors that Paul describes as improper for God's holy people?
7. How can couples cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving in their relationship, and why is this important?
8. How can we, as a life group, support each other in maintaining purity and holiness in our relationships?

**APPLYING IT**

9. Are there areas in your dating or marriage relationship where you can address these issues in a godly manner?
- 10.What changes do you feel called to make in your relationship in light of this passage? How can you rely on God's strength to make these changes?

# NEW HERE?

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## LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

**Sports and Performing Arts Kids Camp:** July 22-26, from 9am —2pm. Camps includes arts & crafts, water games, and then EITHER dance/theater or sports. Cost \$75 for 1st—8th grade students. Sign up @ [TheLifehouseChurch.com/events](https://TheLifehouseChurch.com/events).

**Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering:** 6:30-8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

**Middle School Sunday Service:** 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

**Young Adults:** Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact [CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com](mailto:CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com).

**AA Recovery Group "Grace Abounds:"** Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Coffeehouse.

**Men’s Retreat:** This multi-church Men's Retreat is an opportunity for fellowship, teaching, encouragement, and spiritual growth while learning from a professional speaker and bonding with other men. Dates: September 20–22, 2024. Cost \$229.

**New Members:** We are excited to welcome these individuals into the TLC family as new members. They have committed to our discipleship pathway and mission by choosing to Gather, Grow, Give, and Go with us at TLC. Please join us in warmly welcoming them to our community: Gary Rawlinson, Donna Flynn, Rick & Shera Melick, Pam Castleman, Paul Coker, and Roy Radtke.



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