

## **Masturbation** *(For Men Only)*

We all need to have one mind. We're going to have to come to some conclusion concerning masturbation in our children and single people. Masturbation: to practice self-induced emission of semen at other times than in intercourse. In the world you learn sex education from older children because parents are too embarrassed to talk about it or else they are totally permissive. The Holy Spirit has the truth, we've got to know what it is.

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. We have to know how our Father thinks about it, not how it's been handed down to us to think.

We must pray that our Father would speak to us. Why is there so much debate on the subject of masturbation in the world today? No one knows. The Scriptures are empty about this. The Scriptures don't endorse or condemn masturbation, you can't find it. We must understand our Father's mind on this subject. We came out of a perverted world, we were perverted. Does no specific reference in Scripture give us liberty to do as we please? We may feel condemned for what's legitimate and vice-versa. We must learn what pleases Him. We have the law in our hearts and minds now. If we're under the anointing then we all know, 1 John 2:20.

We must determine what sexual immorality is because no immoral person will inherit the kingdom. 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? 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, all sorts of Aberrations. (you might find you have one yourself, it helped me when I learned what this meant, I started sensing what my problem was) Aberration is the act of being aberrant, which is to go astray from the right and normal way, deviate. We've got to be restored in all things. We have to go back to our Father's intended way of conduct.

Revelation 21:8; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; (Psalms 24:3-4; Psalms 25:1). 1 Corinthians 6. Some of us were this way but we're 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. It is not in correspondence to man's natural state at creation. Man and 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 a distorted and inaccurate reflection of you to you. It is a failure in its refracting surface to produce an exact point to 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 bride's 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. We must be made to correspond to Him and not Him to us.

Aberration is deviating from the natural way — the moral standard set by nature or the Bible. We must go back to His way, what nature teaches us. Before the nation begins we must have one mind.

Look at 1 Samuel 20:5-26. David was thinking it was okay to deceive the king, verse 8, that's how serious a covenant is. Verse 16-17 Jonathan loved him as he loved himself. Verse 26. Saul 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?

Lets go to Leviticus 15. Verse 16, an emission of semen would make him unclean until evening, unable to come to the New Moon festival. Verse 16-17 allude to the possibility of masturbation, an emission of semen possibly brought about by his own manipulation. It neither condemns nor condones the emission of semen but it does condemn you for not bathing —

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 we do after is what counts.

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. Leviticus 22:4-6; Deuteronomy 23:10-11. Note verses 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. We cover them up in the woods because our Father walks out there. Genesis 3:8 (Fallen man just leaves it there for someone to step in. Reverence and respect for other human beings, since they are made in the image of God, will decide whether someone should enter the nations.)

To sin against your conscience immediately cuts you off if you've come to a knowledge of the truth. (Hebrews 10:26-27) (You don't need an elders meeting to do this.) 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.

Saul would have known about it if David was cut off from Israel, like Leviticus 20:18. So it must have been something else. He thought something must be keeping David from the New Moon festival.

A new moon festival went for 3 days: 1 Samuel 20:19 (3rd day), verse 27 (2nd day). 1 Samuel 16:5. They had to prepare themselves physically and spiritually. What does consecrate mean? To make or declare sacred (to set apart, dedicate or devote to the service of worship of God). (Numbers 19:11-22) Exodus 19:10-15. There has to be a preparation before you do things — Breaking of Bread, circumcisions, praying for someone, coming to a Celebration — a time of consecration. Wouldn't it be highhanded to not consecrate yourself before coming to a New Moon festival?

These are important before we begin a 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 12 tribes. The hard part is maintaining the ever increasing light for 50 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.

There are sacrifices available for unintentional sin but none for intentional. We can't deliberately sin thinking, "I'll sin now and sacrifice or confess it later." No sacrifice is left. Many people didn't have a heart to obey even in the simple things they did have a knowledge of the truth of. That's why they were cut off (in the community).

Leviticus 5:2-4. He still needs to offer sacrifice even if he was unaware. Verse 5 — He must confess in what way he has sinned. Forgiveness is not released without confession. David did something, Saul thought.

Proverbs 5:11-14. Many have come to ruin because they didn't listen to 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, you will have no more grace. Everyone who does not take heed to what our Master says will be utterly cut off.

Numbers 15:30-36. Verse 22 — if we're ignorant we won't enter the kingdom. (John 14:21 — those who love Him are those who have His commandments and obey them. We can't but help follow the customs of the nations if we continue to be ignorant.) Verse 30 — you can bring an offering for unintentional sin but not for intentional. Such a one would go the second death for Israel. His guilt remains on him because he has despised YHWH's word.

The cleansing procedure had a hygienic purpose. AIDS today is spread through body fluids, semen and blood having the highest concentrations. Our Father spreads certain boundaries for Israel and the stranger in 25 different places in the Law. (Like when our parents come they must totally submit to the order that is here, working right along with us.) Unclean means unfit for certain religious practices. 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, John 15:10.

Blood and semen carry certain diseases (for example, Gonorrhea and syphilis). Millions have incurred diseases this way. Cleansing procedures follow emission or flow of blood as well as separation of close personal contact (which doesn't mean that you can go and hide all day).

Israel's God, shown by these regulations, shows that He wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives. This causes us to love Him more. We are a royal priesthood about to declare His excellencies, 1 Peter 2:9. Christianity is practicing all that the former inhabitants of the land practiced. A sick and diseased people can't declare His excellencies. We are not the people upon whom the curse of the Law has come.

Let's look at Deuteronomy 23:9-10. When you go out against an enemy, keep away from everything impure. Verse 10 leads us to believe that it was a nocturnal emission, a wet dream. This was not a deliberate emission but an unintentional emission — chances fell upon him. (RSV) They would certainly have different kinds of dreams than today. The KJV says *act of uncleanness by night before the day* — between sundown the day before and that day. The evil in this would be that he missed the battle.

Is masturbation a provision for us or not? Is it provided for our good? Deuteronomy 23:9. To keep oneself from every evil thing, even emission of semen, or he's unclean for battle. Leviticus 15:16. No sacrifice was needed but still he was unclean. What if you did it before the battle? A wet dream would not be sin but self-manipulation would be because we're called to be clean for battle. Judge people by the word — their intentions. We can't judge by what our eyes see or ears hear. That's the flesh. Isaiah 11:3-5 is how we judge. We must have true judgement. That's why we bring people into custody before whoever is needed to judge the matter or else we'll be run ragged. We must learn how to judge every case. There will always be a person with grace to be able to judge who and how many to gather for a Qahal.

The emission of semen made the man unclean, not the act itself. When you come to the designated thing you must be prepared for it, consecrated. If your mind is on something else, you're unfit.

Leviticus 15:16,17-19. Here's a man excluded from certain activities because he's not prepared himself for the meeting. The semen and the thoughts he may have had made him unclean. Before special events masturbation or release can be resisted. This must be kept by the new, spiritual Israel walking according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:4)

Masturbation or wet dreams is acceptable behavior in the camp, (Masturbation is included because it says an emission of semen, not just nocturnal emission.) which only makes one unclean for one day while the enemy is not encamped around them, not attacking the next morning. Deuteronomy 23. While they are encamped against the enemy they are to abstain from anything that would make them impure. Does the Hebrew say wicked, unclean or impure? If you don't keep yourself pure the night before the set apart times, battles, being sent out, then it is wickedness.

Deuteronomy 23:9. NIV says impure which makes more sense. They were to keep away from evil at all times, not just before battle. Our Father is teaching us a marvelous, wonderful principle here. He's teaching us to make judgments based on His word, Isaiah 11. If we don't, we'll ruin people's lives. We can't do this without Yahshua. We need the Qahal with the word. Elders must know the word. Our children must know the word.

Self-stimulation — is it abuse? Self-abuse? Self-stimulation has been thought of as abuse. Is it immoral? If masturbation is excessive the person may have a disorder, psychological or otherwise. We must be able to judge this properly. The Scriptures are silent so the Body can judge it properly.

The obsession of masturbation suggests something is wrong, an emotional deprivation. We are often unemotional. We need to love emotionally. Single people need to have this need met too. Obsessive people need help — we must see what causes them to do this. Self stimulation that happens on occasion as a release, not a practice or substitute, then it's not self-abuse. Whatever you can do in faith, whatever you can thank Him for, we must judge ourselves.

Matthew 5:28 Is masturbation lustful? It is possible for masturbation to happen without lustful thoughts (thoughts for another woman or whatever). We can't be mastered by anything.

We have to be free but not be enslaved, mastered by it. Romans 14:14-23 all food is clean, but everything you put in your mouth is not necessarily clean. We must fulfill the Law of Messiah to cut off the flesh.

1 Corinthians 10:23-31. We can include self-stimulation under "do anything." Romans 14:21. All things are lawful but not all things edify. All things are lawful if not forbidden by the law.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6. Is this masturbation? Is it 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? Verse 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 perfect as far as our communion and our unity are concerned. Verses 3-4 — his own vessel (body). Verse 5 — not in lustful passions like the Gentiles. Verse 6 — hurting someone else is a very serious thing. If it is unloving, hurting someone else, we must be careful. We can't be mastered, possessed or enslaved by our sexual drive or it could be a rejection of God who gives you the Holy Spirit. We're not to defraud one another. To defraud is to cheat, to deprive of something by deception or fraud. Fraud is the intentional perversion of truth in order to get someone to give up something of value or truth. Defrauding a brother is a sin going beyond Matthew 5:28. Whoever defrauds has transgressed beyond where he can be forgiven. Matthew 5:28 is going beyond a thought, it is getting into total thoughts and fantasies. Fantasies are dangerous things, we should flee them.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 may provide an emotional and physical release and may be helpful in self-control in not defrauding a brother. We must be sure we judge ourselves before we speak. You transgress but deceive yourself then speak to someone else and you give them license. We must take verse 6 as a warning. When someone approaches us for help we must really judge ourselves.

1 Thessalonians 4:4 is not masturbation (sexual immorality). Those who intentionally sin 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.

Self-control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Will you never masturbate if you have it? Is anyone able to control his whole body? James 3:3 — we may not be able to control our tongue but our Father knows our heart. If we don't have self-control we may not have the Holy Spirit. Perfect self-control approaches our glorified state. The race must begin not on our perfection but on our intention and determination. Otherwise we wouldn't have anywhere to run to. Hebrews 12:1 — to run we must be as free as possible. The Greek says the sin that so easily girdles us. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Paul says he beats his body, making it his slave. He treats it harshly, showing mastery over it. We must exercise self-control (which may or may not include temporary release of sexual pleasure).

Our Father considers our methods of controlling our bodies to be important, Romans 12:1-2. We should control our bodies in a holy and honorable way. We have to maintain personal dignity before our Father. We must sow to please the Spirit. Galatians 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:4 — in the Greek it says we're learning to know how to control our bodies. If we are learning to love Him we'll do it. We're 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.

You have got to put masturbation in its proper, subordinate place. We have to rule over it, not let it master you. You must master it. Not being condemned if it happens. The sexual drive in us is natural. Our Father gave it to us. It is good. He told Israel to be fruitful and multiply. It's natural. The naturally given drive is so great it can drive people to get married. It's better to marry than to burn.

1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (Amp). They must have self-control over their passions. Better to marry than to be aflame and tortured continually with ungratified desire. Paul commanded Timothy to flee youthful lusts, the older are not as overwhelming. Sometimes we bring things

upon ourselves — the stimulus. We can't flee the passions but we have to flee what stirs them up. We can't wait until it is upon us and then try to flee it, battling it in our flesh. We must reject the flesh, not try to battle with it. The word doesn't say it is better to masturbate than to burn. It's better to marry than to burn.

Sometimes our dreams are repressed. Don't try to bring them back. Forget it and repent. Does a dream come from wishful thinking? Do you confess it? Go on? We're here to judge from now till the end of the age. We'll learn to judge. We may have tolerated uncleanness in our dream. We may not have.

Any person's sexual need includes more, far more, than just a person's physical release. We are more than physical, we are emotional. It is true that we have a need of sexual release, but if that is the only need being met we may not be fulfilling our purpose in creation. Masturbation is not being fruitful and multiplying. It is not total fulfillment of what we were meant to be but rather temporary, incomplete but sometimes necessary physical release (in certain cases and times.). It could be this since the Bible doesn't condemn or give license for it. You can't say "Yes or No." Ephesians 5:10. We must learn what pleases the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:2-7. Verse 5 — Satan tempt you to do what? What is Paul talking about? Lust after another woman? Masturbation? To engage in a past perversion that comes up most readily when he's not finding fulfillment in his relationships with others? A sin that so easily entangles him but nonetheless that he is to throw off? It says Satan tempting — its not your own flesh or nature but it is Satan entering the picture. Satan won't just try to make you masturbate but he would probably tempt you with another person.

Verse 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 in verse 7 is the gift of being single. Marriage is not that simple. If there's no available wife then the gift is something else. Maybe this is the gift — only maybe. We'll need a few more years to understand this.

If you are burning, masturbation or release is not necessarily a sin or Leviticus 15:16 never would have talked about an emission separated from marriage. Unless it is unbridled fantasies or lust. That is an aberration of the mind. James 1:21 — we're to rid ourselves of all filthiness and all that remains of lawlessness. We must receive the implanted word able to save our soul from death.

Does the stimulus for masturbation come from within or from another external source? An aberration could cause something from within to stimulate us to masturbation. We can have a natural desire stemming from seminal buildup but we must not give in to a perversion that stimulates us, then we relieve ourselves. James 4:17 helps us out when to regard masturbation as sin. Sometimes you know that to masturbate even without lustful thoughts is sin, like before battles, feasts, special times. If you're a teacher in a certain situation, you'd want to be thinking about your teaching, not masturbating that night. This is a special teaching like we're coming here today for. You would keep yourself clean to come here and teach. This is not teaching around your table, teachers teach every day.

Sometimes when you have already relieved yourself but you are tempted by a perversion to do it again it can be sin. You want the feeling more than anything else, not the release. Grace has been provided. If masturbation is a provision or has been provided for us to attain release, grace has also been provided for us to say no to ungodliness. We have grace to know if it is a provision or not. We have to judge what's natural desire and what isn't. Titus 2:12 — grace is provided. If masturbation is a provision, whatever does not provide a need is an act of the flesh.

If it is not a need it is an act of the flesh — like eating when you don't need to. Eating for pleasure is greed. No one who does this will enter the Kingdom, also no one who eats fast — even when you're alone — will enter the Kingdom. Eating is social intercourse, a social event where you extend the conversation as long as possible, eating slowly, enjoying your food. If we eat hurriedly it means we don't know God or our brothers and sisters. We aren't acknowledging that they were created in the image of God, we're not even thinking of them. Acts of the flesh are

obvious. You won't enter the Kingdom if you're more interested in food than in your brother. We've been raised behind a cereal box. We must talk, communicate, have intercourse.

Provision is an act of providing or being prepared beforehand or a measure taken beforehand to deal with a need. Acts 5:3-7,10,12; Galatians 5:19,21 — acts of the flesh are obvious.

Can masturbation occur apart from lustful fantasies? Yes. Can it simply be a biological release of pent-up sexual energies? But many times it comes from lusts building up the tension calling for sexual release.

The Scripture does not directly state that masturbation can be used to control our passions nor does it directly condemn the practice.

Masturbation must be a person's own choice. They have to be taught the proper way to think about it and then decide for themselves. We can't impose it upon them. It will only condemn them and amplify the desire to do it. They are going to do it, especially if we put a heavy restriction upon them. We must tell them about it in a good, proper way so they can make their own choice. They must be given liberty, 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, John 10:18, because He loved the Father and wanted to please Him. We must adjust our behavior accordingly.