



The fruit of our flesh which is sin and leads to death and separation from God will keep us out of Heaven: envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. [Galatians 5:21](#)

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. [1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#)

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God [Ephesians 5:5](#)

The acts of the sinful nature (fruit of the flesh) are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. [Galatians 5:19-21](#)

1. Sexual immorality/Fornication: is the Greek word porneia and refers to all types of sexual immorality such as adultery, fornication, bestiality, homosexuality, lesbianism, pornography, pedophilia, incest and sodomy.

What is sodomy?

Webster's Dictionary definition: anal or oral copulation with a member of the same or opposite sex; also: copulation with an animal

Biblical description: according to [Leviticus 18:22](#) says: to "lie with mankind, as with womankind." The Hebrew words Mishkevei ishshah means literally "after the manner of lying with a woman by the introduction of the male member." This means penetration. So the definition of sodomy is penetration of the anus cavity, including straight females as Paul points out in Romans has the ability to practice sodomy.

So, whether gay or straight, male or female, married or single sodomy is a sin, because God does not discriminate, this applies to homosexuals as well as heterosexuals.

Catholic Church's Definition: The definition of sodomy was expanded in 1533 by the Catholic Church to include masturbation, oral sex, and any "sex between the legs and from behind" by same-sex male couples.

Oral Sex is not mentioned in the Bible, so is it a sin?

The bible has nothing to say about oral sex. But it is clear from the bible, that sex within marriage is holy and good. Indeed, it is commanded, even by Paul [1 Corinthians 7:3-5](#) who is the prime example of a single Christian man in the bible other than Jesus. Using the creation narrative as our guide and the principle is that the male genital is designed for the female genital, just as food is for the stomach [1 Corinthians 6:13](#), we may question oral sex. Has God made the mouth for the male or female genital? The usual advice concerning oral sex within marriage is that it should not become a substitute for genital to genital sex. The rule of love should be used, such that if one spouse finds it offensive, then the other should not insist on it.

Oral sex has been portrayed in our culture as a "safe sex" alternative, and some people have reckoned it as a way to retain their virginity before marriage. But is oral sex different from sex? Oral sex is sex for a number of reasons, which include:

- Oral sex fits one of the definitions for sexual intercourse: "intercourse involving genital contact between individuals other than penetration of the vagina by the penis" (Webster's Dictionary)
- Oral sex can be just as intimate and pleasurable as "traditional" intercourse.
- Oral sex creates physical, emotional and spiritual bonds just as traditional intercourse does [Genesis 2:24](#), [Mark 10:6-9](#), [Malachi 2:15](#)

- Oral sex involves exposing one's "nakedness" to another, which is how the Old Testament sometimes describe sexual relations (ex. [Leviticus 18:6,7,10](#)) Assuming that oral sex is sex, we can apply the Bible's sexual guidelines to it. This basically means that it should only be practiced within a heterosexual marriage and that it should be characterized by love, so in this view Oral sex outside of Marriage would be considered sin (fornication).

It is believed that God created us to experience pleasure in sex. Biological evidence suggests this is in fact true. God created women to have two pleasurable spots. One pleasurable spot has absolutely nothing to do with penetration; and neither requires ovulation to occur before orgasm. This is highly suggestive that sex is not just for pro-creation.

History of oral sex being called a sin and connected with Sodomy

The proscription of sodomy in the English tradition began in 1533 when King Henry VIII adopted contemporary church doctrine into a system of laws at the time of the English withdrawal from the Catholic Church. Sodomy became both a sin and a crime, since ecclesiastical law recognizes no distinction between the concepts of "sin" and "crime." Sodomy included any form of non-procreative acts including masturbation, oral and anal sex.

Is Masturbation a sin?

There is no place in scripture where masturbation is forbidden or that it is sinful; however I believe the thoughts that accompany masturbation are sinful. "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." [Matthew 5:27-30](#)

Notice what Jesus said about the parts of the body He mentions, your eye and your hand. If you are enjoying sexually explicit thoughts about a woman that is not your wife then it is sinful.

But what if no illicit fantasies or lustful thoughts are included in masturbation? Is the act then sinful? According to scripture, there is nothing to indicate that it is. But what if the act is done merely as a means of resisting temptation and performed as the body requires? This is hardly exciting, if used just as a means of

keeping the body in submission, as the body is not that demanding if left alone without the perverted imagination. If we attempt to maintain a self-sex life, then we find that the body needs help from the mind through illicit fantasies and images, and then sin is clearly being committed and to live by the carnal and fleshly nature is sinful. Live by the Spirit, not by the desires of the flesh!

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God. [1 Thessalonians 4:3-5](#)

2. Impurity: is the Greek word akatharsia and refers to uncleanness in the physical or moral sense. Since it is not a sin to be physically dirty, we must take it in the moral sense. In the moral sense it refers to the impurity of lustful, luxurious or profligate living. It means wasteful expenditure or consumption. It is the person who is recklessly wasteful or wildly extravagant and overindulges himself in anything. It is dissolute indulgence in sensual pleasures that are intemperate, and this includes amusements and diversions. It is immoderation or excess in anything that satisfies the senses. This would include watching movies or football games, playing tennis, knitting and just about anything that provides pleasure to the individual.

3. Debauchery: is the Greek word aselgeia and refers to licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, shamelessness, and insolence. It refers to the person who is cruel, merciless, undisciplined and spoiled. It is the person who ignores legal restraint, and has no regard for accepted rules and standards. It is the person who violates the laws of the land in which he lives. It is the person who disregards the rules of his employer. It is the person who disobeys those that God has placed in authority over him. This includes the wife who disobeys her husband, the child who disobeys the parent, and the driver who disobeys the traffic laws. It is the person who is presumptuous and insulting in manner or speech. It is the person who is audaciously rude or disrespectful. It is the person who is impertinent or goes beyond the limits of propriety or good manners. It is the person who uses bad language in the presence of others, and especially in the presence of the opposite sex.

4. Idolatry: is the Greek word eidololatreia and refers literally to the worship of false gods. Figuratively, it means avarice or the immoderate desire for wealth. It refers to greed by the person. It is the person who strives after wealth more than he strives after the things of God. Anything that the person reverences more

than God is idolatry. Any person can do a self-test of what he worships by paying attention to his thought life and the things that occupy his thoughts.

5. Witchcraft: is the Greek word pharmakeia and it refers to the taking or administering of drugs for pleasure. It includes the abuse of drugs, but would not include the taking of medication in moderation for the treatment of pain and disease. Witchcraft also includes sorcery, which is the use of supernatural power over others through the assistance of spirits.

Several categories of witchcraft and sorcery are described in the Bible. In [Exodus 22:17](#) it is commanded, "You shall not let a witch live." Diviners and soothsayers are forbidden in [Leviticus 19:26](#) and [Deuteronomy 18:10](#); turning to ghosts and spirits in [Deuteronomy 18:11](#); being an augur or sorcerer in [Deuteronomy 18:10](#).

The Bible calls for the individual's wholehearted allegiance to God and therefore all contact with various forms of witchcraft and sorcery is prohibited [Deuteronomy 18:13](#). Furthermore, the crime of witchcraft is equated with the crime of human sacrifice [Deuteronomy 18:10](#) with the same punishment designated for both [Leviticus 20:27](#). Despite the prohibitions, witchcraft was obviously resorted to, as shown most graphically by King Saul's visit to the "witch of En-dor" to consult the spirit of the prophet Samuel [1 Samuel 28](#).

6. Hatred: is the Greek word echthra and refers to enmity or hostility on the part of a person. It includes rancor, which is bitter, long-lasting resentment or deep-seated ill will.

7. Discord: is the Greek word eris and refers to the person who is quarrelsome in a noisy, angry or bickering manner. The contentious person yields to this lust of the flesh. It is the person who habitually disagrees simply for the sake of disagreement, and it causes contention or strife in the Church body.

8. Jealousy: is the Greek word zelos and refers to the sin jealousy, which is the attitude that comes from being fearful of being supplanted or the apprehension of losing one's affection or position. It is the person who is jealous or envious of the success of others.

9. Fits of Rage: is the Greek word thumos and refers to violent, explosive or uncontrolled anger resulting from the lack of self-control.

10. Selfish Ambition: is the Greek word eritheia and refers to the putting of oneself in the forefront or the limelight. It is the person who has to be the center of attention. It is the person who seeks political office for the purpose of power,

recognition or satisfying the ego. It is the pastor who is more concerned with his position and status than he is with truth.

11. Dissensions: is the Greek word *dichostsis* and it refers to the refusal to conform to the authority or doctrine of the Bible. It is the person who rebels against the authorities that God has placed over him. It is a church member who rebels against the authority of the pastor. It is the child who rebels against the authority of the parent. It is the citizen who rebels against the governmental authorities. The person who rebels and leads others to rebel is yielding to this lust of the flesh.

12. Factions: is the Greek word *hairesis* and refers to the internal, contentious rivalries within a group of people. It refers to the conflicts that arise out of dissensions or differences of opinion in a body of people. It is okay for people to disagree on the meaning of a particular text of Scripture or doctrine, but the difference of opinion should not result in rivalries or conflicts. They should be able to discuss the issue and come to a resolution with unity of purpose. This lust of the flesh has resulted in all of the denominations that abound in the Church today.

13. Envy: is the Greek word *phthonos* and refers to the feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by the desire for the possessions or qualities of another. It is covetousness.

14. Drunkenness: is the Greek word *methe* and refers to intoxication through the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

15. Orgies: is the Greek word *komos* and refers to loud, noisy festivities that lack restraint or discipline.

The Greek word was used with reference to the rites practiced in the worship of various deities, such as Orpheus and Dionysus. The word in Greek did not denote sexual activity, although this was a part of some rites. The rites of Dionysus, for example, included only music, dancing, drinking, and the eating of animal sacrifices

A revel involving unrestrained indulgence, especially sexual activity.

Uncontrolled or immoderate indulgence in an activity: an orgy of spending.
A secret rite in the cults of ancient Greek or Roman deities, typically involving frenzied singing, dancing, drinking, and sexual activity.