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## Part Two: Homosexuality

1 Thessalonians 4:2-8 (p. 836)



### #1: History

Born gay? A predisposition does not change the moral or life implications.  
Often three influences:

- Parent relationship, Abusive situations, Early sexualization



### #2: Biology

• Higher rates of disease, depression, suicide  
*The Homosexual Lifespan, Family Research Institute, Feb 14, 1992*

- Shortened life span by 8 to 20 years *LifeSiteNews.com, WASHINGTON, DC, June 6, 2005*



### #3: Society

The home is the cell of society and must remain healthy and reproducible.



### #4: Desires

Hormone hurricanes can later turn into sunny skies.



### #5: God

- Sexual sins produce a lifestyle that leads us away from God.  
*Leviticus 18:22 (p. 84); Romans 1:21-28 (p. 796); Matthew 19:4-6 (p. 696); Genesis 2:24 (p. 2)*
- God defines you by relationship, not sexuality.

### • What Now?

Not struggling:

- Respond to a person's wounds, not just their behavior.

Struggling:

- Turn to the supernatural of Jesus, counseling, and accountability.



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### **Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center Recommendations**

Sex education begins at birth whether we intend it to or not. It is important with the prevalence of sexual content in society today that we become proactive in education of not only our children but also ourselves to the dangers of sexual immorality and its effects on us, our family, and generations to come. We have compiled a list of relative resources to help you in the battle.

#### **Books Dealing with Sexual Purity**

*Every Man's Battle* – Steve Arterburn  
*Every Woman's Battle* – Steve Arterburn  
*Every Young Man's Battle* – Steve Arterburn  
*Every Young Woman's Battle* – Steve Arterburn  
*Out of the Shadows* – Patrick Carnes  
*Shattered Vows* – Debbie Laaser  
*Breaking Free* – Russell Willingham  
*False Intimacy* – Harry Schaumberg  
*Passion and Purity* – Elizabeth Elliot  
*Sex and the Supremacy of Christ* – John Piper  
*Addicted to Love* – Stephen Arterburn  
*Addiction... Banquet at the Grave* – Edward T. Welch  
*Untangling the Web: Sex, Porn and Fantasy Obsession*  
– Robert Weiss, Jennifer Schneider

#### **Helpful Websites**

[www.sexhelp.com](http://www.sexhelp.com)  
[www.hopeandfreedom.com](http://www.hopeandfreedom.com)  
[www.xxxchurch.com](http://www.xxxchurch.com)

#### **Filters and Accountability Software**

[www.bsafefhome.com](http://www.bsafefhome.com) – filter  
[www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com) – accountability  
[www.accountable2you.com](http://www.accountable2you.com) – free accountability  
[www.x3watch.com](http://www.x3watch.com)  
[www.wisechoice.net](http://www.wisechoice.net) – filter/accountability  
[www.internetsafety.com](http://www.internetsafety.com)

For more information or to schedule a counseling appointment please contact the Counseling Center at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) (What We Do > Counseling) or call 713.335.6462.