

## Why Christians Do Not Dance

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1. They know that dancing church-members are considered as hypocrites by the world.

2. They know that 3/4 of the fallen girls in America attribute the beginning of their downfall to dancing.

3. They know that IF dancing does not hurt one's self, it certainly hurts an influence for righteousness.

4. They know that dancing members are sorry members.

5. They know that in dancing, the vilest of males can hold the purest of girls in the closest embrace. Though society approves, devoted Christians cannot.

6. They know that men, and boys, too, have left the path of purity because of passions aroused by the familiar poses common in dancing.

7. They know that even morally-minded non-Christians regard the embraces of dancing as highly improper. Many a home has been wrecked because a husband (or wife) has engaged in such embraces with another's mate — away from the dance floor.

8. The best and most devoted Christians one can find do not dance.

9. Christians know that dancing is the companion vice of drinking and other sins.

10. They know dancing would not be tolerated by preachers of the gospel.

Christians know that God does not have double standards, one for preachers; another for others.

11. A dancing foot and a praying knee are not found attached to the same body.

12. They know that dancing members are a shame to any congregation.

13. It brings shame on the church of Christ.

14. If dancing did not hurt me, it might cause some weaker one to be lost.

15. Dancing Christians make the poorest church workers.

16. Thousands of young people have chosen the dance in preference to Christ.

17. Dancing is contrary to the spirit of the whole Bible.

18. Dancing is the only amusement that depends solely upon the mingling of the sexes for its existence. Separate the sexes and the dance would die in a few minutes.

19. The dance has been more harmful to the church than the saloon.

20. There are no soul-winning dancing Christians.

21. I could not pray at a dance; could you?

22. I would not enjoy reading my Bible at a dance; would you?

23. I could not speak to anyone at a dance about Christ; could you?

24. The girl with the most modesty makes the poorest dancer, and vice versa.

25. No young man will go through the motions of the modern dance very long without impure thoughts.

26. I would be miserable if I knew God was watching me at a dance.

27. Dancing destroys a Christian's influence and usefulness.

28. I cannot think of one good reason why a Christian should dance.

29. Thousands of men have used the dance as the surest and best way to trap a girl.

30. Dancing arouses the worst passions in man.

31. The girl who dances cheapens herself in the eyes of the best people.

32. Dancing is at least a doubtful indulgence, and anything doubtful is dangerous to a Christian.

33. Dancing dulls and deadens the spiritual life of a Christian.

34. Dancing is a favorite past-time of the world.

35. A man can embrace a girl while the orchestra plays, but could not do so when the orchestra stopped. What is wrong

without music is wrong with music.

36. The Roman Catholic confessional reveals the fact that nineteen out of every twenty of their girls who go wrong attribute it to the dance. Some who thought they would be the exception have suddenly realized that they are not.

37. Dancing has a secret language by which a man can learn if the girl in his arms is pure or not without a word being spoken.

38. Dancing has created a condition in the public schools that is almost as bad as the white-slave traffic.

39. The greatest attraction of the dance is the embrace, and would be permitted no where else in decent society.

40. If a man embraces his neighbor's wife in the modern dance attitude any place where there was no music, he would very likely get shot.

41. I would not dance, because Christ would not; would He?

42. Christians cannot dance and keep themselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27).

43. Christians cannot dance and abstain from the appearance of evil (2 Thessalonians 5:22).

44. Christians cannot dance and not love the world, for dancing is of the world (1 John 2:15-16).

45. Christians cannot dance and still deny themselves ungodliness and worldly lusts (Titus 2:11-12).

46. Dancing has been used as the last but successful means of ruining girls.

47. I would not want to die dancing; would you?

Socially-mad mothers may think it is wonderful to have "graceful" daughters who can twirl every muscle at every dance in an unbeatable way, but it might be good to consult the same kind of mothers who now have weeping daughters and illegitimate grandchildren and ask them if they would make any changes if they had their privilege of rearing children to do over!

It would help for sober-thinking parents to be able to talk sensibly to their children about their problems, especially those connected with the dances sponsored by many schools. It will help to re-read the list of the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19, with special emphasis given to the meaning of the words *lasciviousness* and *revelings*, etc.

This is not saying that all who dance are immoral; it is to say that even the strongest undergo an unnecessary and dangerous temptation. The sex urges are so powerful many psychologists call them the most basic of all human urges that we need to guard them carefully until it is right and proper to exercise them in God's way in marriage.

In this same general modern-day trend, there has been growth in immorality. The rise of sororities and fraternities on university campuses has brought about a situation in which immodesty and immorality have been given a greater emphasis.

In all this, it is easy to see that parents face difficult decisions. They want their children to remain pure both in mind and in body, yet they also want their children to be popular and to have all of the legitimate pleasure that a young person has a right to enjoy. We who preach have the obligation to help these sincere, earnest parents as well as the young people themselves by making clear God's teaching on such matters as the relationship between the sexes. We are to warn against every practice that might endanger the soul's salvation.

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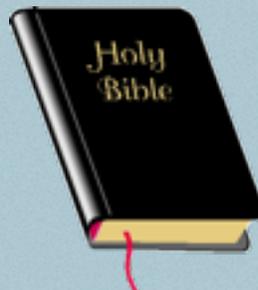
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