

MODERN DANCING

- I. General observations.
 - A. At one time most preachers and leaders condemned dancing.
 - B. The New Morality of the 20th century has crept into church.
 - C. We no longer speak out on many issues as we once did.
 - D. We do not question the entertainment aspects of dancing.
 - E. We do not question the therapeutic aspects of dancing.
 - F. We do, however, question the morality of dancing.
 - G. What does God's word say?
- II. Dancing in the Old Testament.
 - A. Religious Dancing.
 1. Miriam after crossing sea. Ex 15:20
 2. Women upon David's victory. I Sam 18:6
 3. Jephthah's daughter. Judges 11:34
 4. David. II Sam 6:14
 5. A time to dance. Ecc 3:4
 6. Difference between Religious Dancing and Modern Dancing.
 - a. Religious dance not at night or all night - modern is.
 - b. Religious dance not for entertainment - modern is.
 - c. Religious dance not with opposite sex - modern is.
 - d. Religious dance not to incite lust - modern is.
 - e. Religious dance done alone.
 - B. Pagan Dancing.
 1. Sinful Israel at Sinai. Ex 32:19-25, I Cor 10:7
 2. Wicked drunken Amalekites. I Sam 30:16
 3. God never condoned.
 4. Similarities of pagan dancing to modern dancing.
 - a. both lead to loss of self control.
 - b. both done in a noisy fashion.
 - c. both connected with partying.
- III. Dancing in the New Testament.
 - A. Religious Dancing.
 1. Never mentioned or authorized by God in worship.
 2. May not even dance religiously to worship God.
 - B. Pagan Dancing.
 1. Salome. Mt 14:3-12
 2. Led to death of John the Baptist.
- IV. Why is Modern Dancing wrong?
 - A. Christians must crucify lusts of flesh. Gal 5:24
 - B. Causes lustful eyes. Mt 5:27-28
 - C. Falls under Lasciviousness and other sins. see Gal 5:19
 - D. Sexual immorality and partying is sin. Rom 13:13
 - E. Men and women must act and dress modestly. I Tim 2:9
 - F. May cause lust in others looking on.
- V. How has God authorized us to praise Him?
 - A. Worship. Jn 4:24
 - B. Singing. Col 3:16, Eph 5:19
 - C. Prayer and service.