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Masturbation

It is essential that we have a loud, controlled projecting voice that can be heard. That is how the male child will be. They will even have a loud voice in heaven. It is one of the ways we will recognize the male child. Their parents will have trained them that way. Our children must be able to project their voice. We don't want to scream and damage our vocal chords. Yahshua had a loud voice. He taught 5,000 people at one time. He spoke to be heard.

If no one ever came in out of the world we wouldn't need to speak so much about sexuality. But just one child devastated us. Many, many, many abused children will come in, abused by television, their own parents, school, etc. If we don't educate our children properly they will be ruined as others teach them wrong.

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. Single women will have this problem but not like single men - there is no seminal build up - but a spirit from the outside can be passed on. We don't so much have problems with virgins raised here, unless someone comes from outside and teaches them. 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.

Let's look at Deuteronomy 23:9-10 (We must be able to pass this on to others, even teaching the teachers. One day First Day will be devoted to group discussions on these things so that no one will miss anything. We'll hear what the prophets have said so that the oil may go to the edge of the robe. There would be acceptable activities for our children. It's too bad we have phones. Letters are an old thing. Since it will be a quick and thorough work in the last days we'll have to use phones, planes, highways, cars, etc. I hope the Fax (facsimile) machine doesn't replace something later. There's no feedback with them. They'll lead us into trouble, they're an impersonal means of communication. They can be properly used but having them creates the need for it. We gave thanks for Robert Hourriet's baptism.

Deuteronomy 23:9-19 When you go out against an enemy keep away from everything impure. 'You shall keep yourself from every evil thing.' 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 K.J.V. says an 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 We must train our child that his father is interested in everything he is doing even when no one is around. The more intimate we are with them the more bonding we have with them. Our God is interested in every aspect of our lives, and we our children. They must know this. Even

their bowel movements. 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 keep oneself from every evil thing, even emission of semen, or he's unclean for the 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. It wasn't what Onan did but what was in his heart. We can't judge by what our eyes or ears see or ears hear. That's the flesh. Isaiah 11:3-5 is how we judge. We must have true judgment. That's why we bring people into custody before whoever is needed to judge the matter or else we'll run ragged. We must learn 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.

Amplified Deuteronomy 23:9-10 Making love with your wife is not a sin but it is when you battle the next day or when you defraud or demand an experience by a different spirit other than love. We must not defile the marriage bed. We must be careful our desire is not overrunning our wife. We must judge ourselves, not taking advantage, our wife may need sleep. This should be mutual, not just for our own fulfillment. Women or widows may possibly have a hard time with self control. Bible doesn't leave them out. Genesis 18:12 there's nothing wrong with the woman saying she has pleasure in her sexual experience. Consider what it really means. It is a false spirit that says it's not for the woman, just for the man. One day we'll understand the Song of Songs, when we fall in love with Yahshua in every way.

Leviticus 15:16,17-19 Masturbation and normal sexual union with your wife, 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 1 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 didn't keep yourself pure the night before the set apart times, battles, being sent out, then it is wickedness. (When we're sent out on Grateful Dead tours we wouldn't be making love with our wives on the bus or even in our tents for the sake of the single people. But if it goes for weeks or months times can be designated, family nights. We should praise Uriah and love him. He's an example for us forever. He deserves the kingdom more than any other man.

Deuteronomy 23:9 NIV says impure which makes more sense. They were to keep away from evil at all times, not just before battle. Then making love with your wife would not be on your mind - only an evil spirit would cause you to. Our Father is teaching us a marvelous, wonderful principle here. He's teaching us to make judgments 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 know the word. Our children must know the word.

Self stimulation - is it abuse? Self abuse? The minute we start condemning our children they will be condemned so they will lie and feel guilty and it will be our fault. We must communicate grace to our children, letting them know they are not such big sinners. We meet them right where they are at, letting them know we've been there.

Self stimulation has been thought of as abuse. The body responds the same way making love to your wife as it does to masturbation. 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. Some married men may enjoy masturbation more than making love with their wife because of bad experiences. We've been damaged, hard breathing is okay, it's all right to make a little noise. In a tribal situation, where there's no guilt, the wedding is in a tent, the hymen is broken and the bloody sheet is shown, everyone rejoices. With suppression, being afraid to breath hard, thinking it's sin, problems arise.

Masturbation cannot be used as a substitute. It could be if sexual experience is not satisfying. Usually a woman cannot climax because of the man, she can't be treated unkindly during the day then as an object at night. We have to relax and allow ourselves to have pleasure, without tensing up thinking you've got to climax and your wife has to climax. Relax, talk, let it come naturally.

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. It's not likely healthy adults will enjoy self stimulation more than love making. If they do something is wrong and you must talk about it. You must talk and communicate with one another.

Matthew 5:28 Is masturbation lustful? Is it possible for masturbation to happen without lustful thoughts (thoughts for another woman or whatever). We can't be overmastered by anything. We have to be free but not 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 - for our children.

I 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. I Corinthians 6:12 this is how to teach your children, "Everything is lawful and permissible for me but I will not be mastered by anything," putting it in the right spirit. Condemnation is awful. Spanking won't help them, public condemnation won't help them.

I Thessalonians 4:6 We're not to defraud one another. 4:3, 4 his own vessel wife or 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. Self control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Will you never masturbate if you have it? You have got to put it 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. He didn't say have a heart attack every time you find out you're pregnant. It's natural. The naturally given drive is so great it can drive people to get married. Better to marry than to burn.

I Corinthians 7:8-9 (Amplified) 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 till 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.

Can a woman only have desires when her husband makes advances? Widows and women who were sexually promiscuous in the world will have desire but our virgins seemingly won't have that desire that causes pressure in their genitals. There is grace for women with need. They don't need to marry the first man that comes along but our Father will have to act. Is it wrong for a woman to stimulate herself? Maybe. There are only individual cases. We're not giving out licenses. We can't say it is a provision, it's up to your conscience. 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.

I Thessalonians 4:3-8, 4:6 may provide an emotional and physical release and may be helpful in self control in not defrauding a brother. 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. I Thessalonians 4:6 Adam - Don't be quick to judge your brother in these things, let him judge himself. If we're quick to judge we might defraud our brother. We should let his conscience and our Father judge him.

Kharash : A man must control himself in regards to effecting others. For instance in the hot pursuit of a sister apart from the Holy Spirit.

Hakam : We must make sure we judge ourselves before we speak. You transgress but deceive yourself then speak to some else and you give them license. We must take I Thessalonians 4:6 as a warning, when someone approaches us for help we must really judge ourselves.

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). Could be this since the Bible doesn't condemn or give licence for it. You can't say "Yes or NO." Ephesians 5:10 we must learn what pleases the Lord.

Husbands - I Corinthians 7:5 doesn't mean you can violate your wife demanding her body for your selfish evil desires and satisfaction. You can't override and defraud her. (I Thessalonians 4:6) we can't violate this. Sometimes a husband and wife drift apart because of external pressures. The most common external pressure is probably the conflict and pressure of children needing the times of both parents to raise them according to the word of God. If they are not satisfied with one another they will find excuses to be busy and not be compassionate and loving with each other.

Stress caused by children begins when a woman gets pregnant. During the first 3 months morning sickness may make her less interested so her husband must be sensitive. After that he may not be so attracted to her because of physical changes. (He's really caused us to live a responsible life. We need grace and mercy to live it in grace and at peace with one another. There's so much to cause a husband and wife to drift apart). After baby's born there is the waiting period. After that there is anxiety about having another baby. It is also not uncommon for a woman to have uncomfortable emotions in her thinking of sexual relations. We must help people with these obstacles, being merciful, kind, forbearing with them. Counseling those who come in, husband and wife to be merciful to each other. Their problem might not be a spiritual one, "O, it's just that, "...something practical.

Some husbands try to prevent pregnancy by withdrawing before climax. This causes frustration. There is no safe birth control. Withdrawing is neither effective nor satisfying, it goes against all our natural inclinations to do that. It (withdrawal) is not good. We must teach newly married couples that climax is normal. Do we have insensitive male slobbs?

Why do we have sexual problems? Lack of knowledge (ignorance) is the cause of many problems. "Let them figure it out." It has taken some years and then they regret and wish they had learned life to live over again. "Didn't know she could climax." It's according to her make-up. The husband has to be very sensitive in helping his wife reach climax. It is not a proof of his manhood either, he can help her with his hand. Older women can teach the younger about these things. Ignorance, lack of knowledge is probably the cause of our sexual problems. Why are there so many problems if it is so natural? One couple didn't even know what to do. Why are there so many technical difficulties? Why don't we function easily as in other areas?

Satisfactory sexual life doesn't come so naturally. 1. There is a lack of knowledge. 2. There is a lack of parental communication. 3. There is a lack of love by parents and friends who don't care enough to communicate - so they have to learn the hard way. They don't want to go through embarrassment. A spirit is passed on because parents don't touch hearts with

children. There's no intimacy there. (One couple became pregnant after several years of marriage and the husband wanted to call their parents and tell them. The wife said, "Don't they'll think we've been doing it.") so they will learn the hard way like we learned. A hardened bitter heart passing on its bitterness. Everyone is ashamed to speak of the unspeakable. ISRAEL SHOULD NEVER BE THIS WAY. 4. There is a lack of knowledge of oneself and partners. Everyone and their needs are different. There must be communication between a husband and wife about everything, including sex. A few minute lecture is not going to suffice for our children before their marriage. It takes a lifetime. We are like a root out of dry ground.

Masturbation - We must know when to talk with our children about this matter. Masturbation produces guilt in our children when they lead each other into it. We have to be led by the Holy Spirit to get them before anyone else does. We don't want to introduce something to them they've never heard of. We're on new ground. No one left us a legacy to go on.

Does the stimulus for masturbation come from within or from another external source. An aberration could cause something from within to stimulate us to masturbate. 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 going to bed with your wife 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 a natural desire and what isn't. We have to teach our children to judge without condemnation. If our children have these things they will be greater than we ever thought about being. (Our children are pure. Some will know and others won't - even some at 18 and that's wonderful. And some have been doing it since they were young. If Masturbation is a provision whatever does not provide a need is an act of the flesh. We're helping to establish something in our child's conscience, a basis for being able to judge themselves.

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 and 12, Galatians 5:19 and 21 Acts of the flesh are obvious. We can raise our children purely but many will come in and try to pollute. If our children aren't ready **WHEN ALL THE WORLD'S CHILDREN COME IN IT IS OUR FAULT AS PARENTS**. The teachers must teach the parents or it is their fault. We must make sure our children are ready to combat the onslaught that will come. The race can't start unless we know these things.

Hakam - We must lead our children into the scriptures to see this, that our God is concerned about every intimate detail of their life. We must communicate to our children that it is the same with us. We are just as concerned as our God with every aspect of their life, even explaining about wet dreams, pituitary glands, etc, how our body works. It must be in us to deal with our children with wisdom. Intimacy produces bonding. We must teach our children the proverbs.

Gader - I talked about circumcision with Manoah when we were taking a bath. (He's 5 years old). We talked about the blood covenant, we experienced bonding.

Yoneq - We have to have a standard about these things. Should we let our little 2 year old girls see daddy naked? There has to be consistency between us. There's one child whose Daddy is afraid to be seen who spends the night with another child whose Daddy's not. There should be no-self consciousness before puberty. Then the child's natural covering comes, hair on their body, and they wear clothes over it. This seems natural and normal.

Some children are under the law. They'll take their pants off but not their shirts. Men can take their shirts off aside from social events. Community setting is where men wear shirts. It's appropriate to wear them in the house. We adequately cover ourselves, things are considered nudity. When He clothed Adam and Eve He clothed them equally? It is okay to see a man without a shirt. It's fine even when a few couples are swimming together that the men would swim without shirts.

We took the boys swimming naked. Could be something healthy about innocently swimming together. Should little boys see mom without a shirt on when she's nursing? There's no perversion to them, even at 10 or 11. Is it evil? Should we cover a cow's breast up (A virus among our children is their own standard of modesty - sexual self-consciousness).

Kharash - Should a 2 year old girl not see her father naked? They should see the body so when they marry they won't be shocked with their spouse, that would create such paranoia and fear.

A little girl like Darlyn comes in and messes everything up. Children get weird from each other aside from their parents input. This is bigger than the family. Children like Darlyn, different standards in other houses, a child's innocence is over. Do you try to put innocence back into them? Or spank them because they are not innocent?

Yoneq/Hakam - Our children should be innocent and not self conscious. Proverbs teach us what to do and who to avoid. Intimacy is the way out of problems already there. We don't want our children to have a sense of shame.

Derush - We were legalistic about clothes and modesty. It caused bad fruit. We're going back to common sense. Would our children think anything strange of taking a shower in their clothes?

Yonah - The flood's coming, it's not just bad but good, many people will be saved. Sense of shame in us - those who come in from the world with shame communicate it to our children. We must be keenly aware of our children. We have to have the right mind about what we're going to do when we go down to the swimming hole.

Dardah - You can't be running and hiding from 5 or 6 children. You have to be at peace, normal. Zechariah is getting more modest. We can be discreet as our children get older.

Kharash - At the time of life when hair comes as a natural covering, nakedness takes on a new meaning.

Yoneq - Be careful not to say when you're about to change or undress, "Please leave the room. I'm about to do something really bad."

Kharash - We want our children to have respect. Let them respect a closed door. Door's open, "come on in," door's closed, "knock." Our children should do this when the bathroom door is closed. We should train them to knock before they enter. This must be a standard to the whole community.

Intimacy is a god, a father who cares, directing you in the right mind from a good heart. It produces bonding. When we share one point intimately with our child we're miles ahead of our bonding with our earthly father.

The race can't start with: 1) an ounce of fat on us 2) our practicing hospitality with complaint 3) showing mercy without cheerfulness 4) a hint of immorality

Our life is not a rehearsal. It's not an experiment, it's the real thing. We can't live 40 years and wish we'd done it another way. This is it.

Hakam - We must encourage every person in the body in every situation. We must not hold back our own life from any situation or ever complain. It's an abundant life.

He can't create a man greater than He's already done. He can't get a greater, more powerful gospel than what's recorded in the New Covenant. It's a shame if we don't know it. He can't lie, change, deny Himself, sin or be tempted. He can't love more than He's already loved, He can't have a more wonderful Son or break His covenant. We can go to Hardwick and break bread because of Robert Houriet's baptism.

