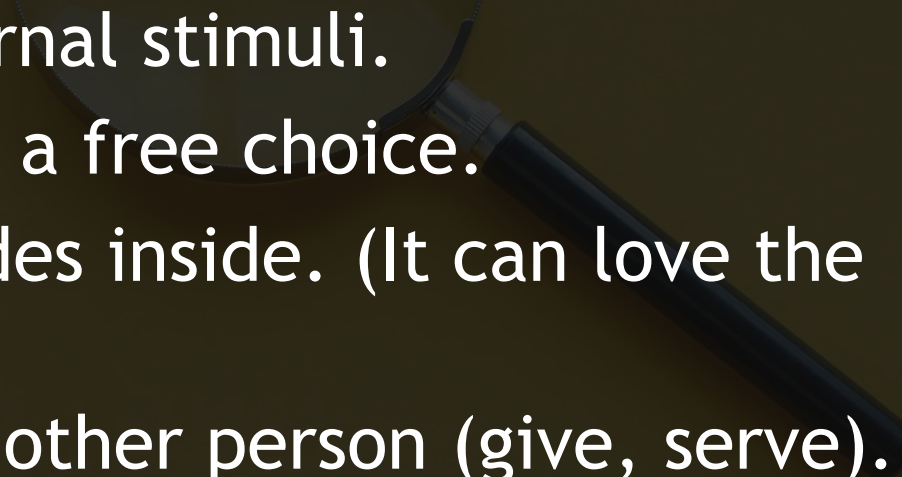


# Fruits of Self-love

## *Ephesians 5:3-6 Message*

**Steer clear of all types of evil which  
carry severe consequences**

# “Love” (*Agapé*)

- Not driven by impulse or external stimuli.
  - Deliberately chooses to act as a free choice.
  - Arises from the love that resides inside. (It can love the unworthy)
  - Seeks the highest good of the other person (give, serve).
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# Godly Love (*Agapé*)

Their  
worthiness is  
not a factor

I love out of  
God's love  
for me

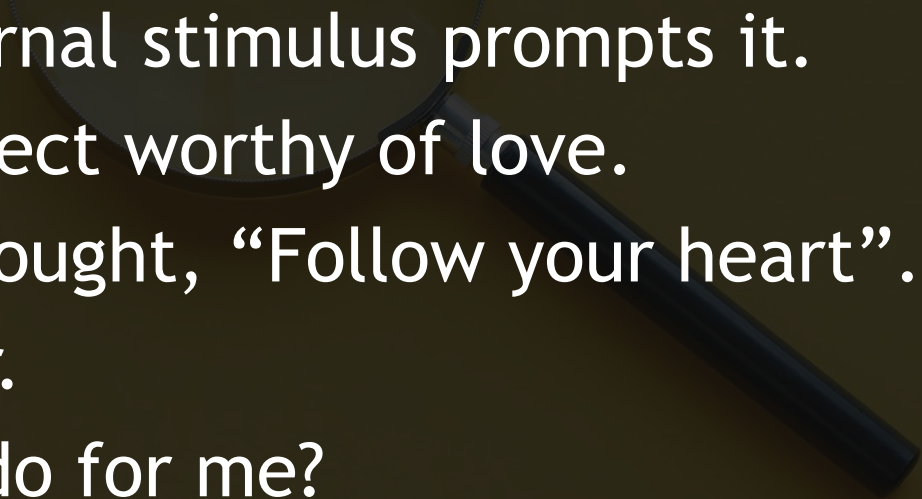
I choose to meet  
their needs

I choose to love even  
when I don't feel  
like it

How can I serve them?



# “Love” (*Eros*)

- Driven by impulse. Some external stimulus prompts it.
  - Loves because it finds the object worthy of love.
  - Happens without conscious thought, “Follow your heart”.
  - Seeks to receive from another.
  - Self-centered. What can you do for me?
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# Natural Love

Lovely by  
my standards

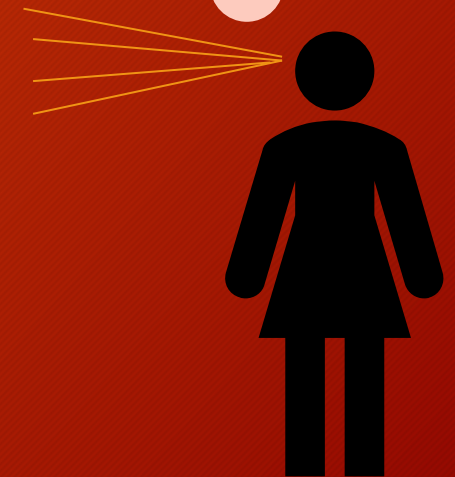
Worthy of  
my love

Must meet my  
emotional  
needs

They can  
make me  
happy

Must meet my  
expectations

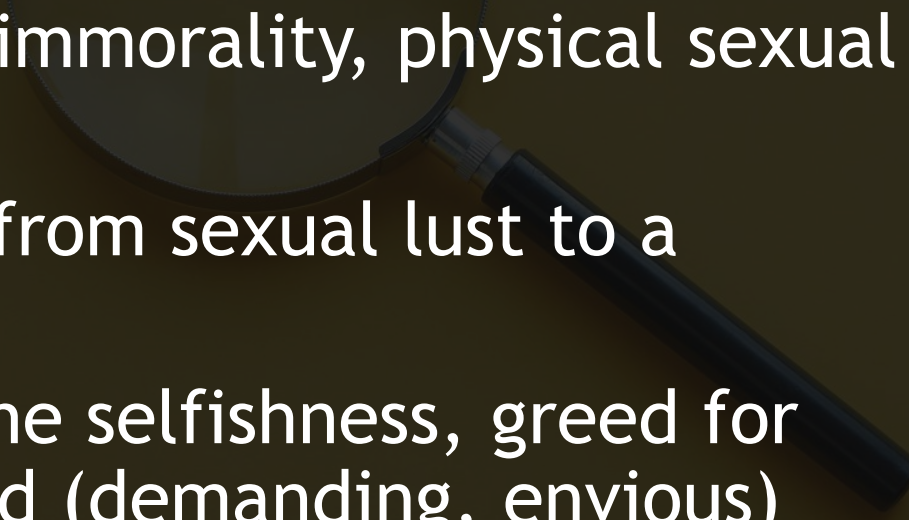
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## I. Steer clear of sinful conduct (3)

# Sinful Conduct

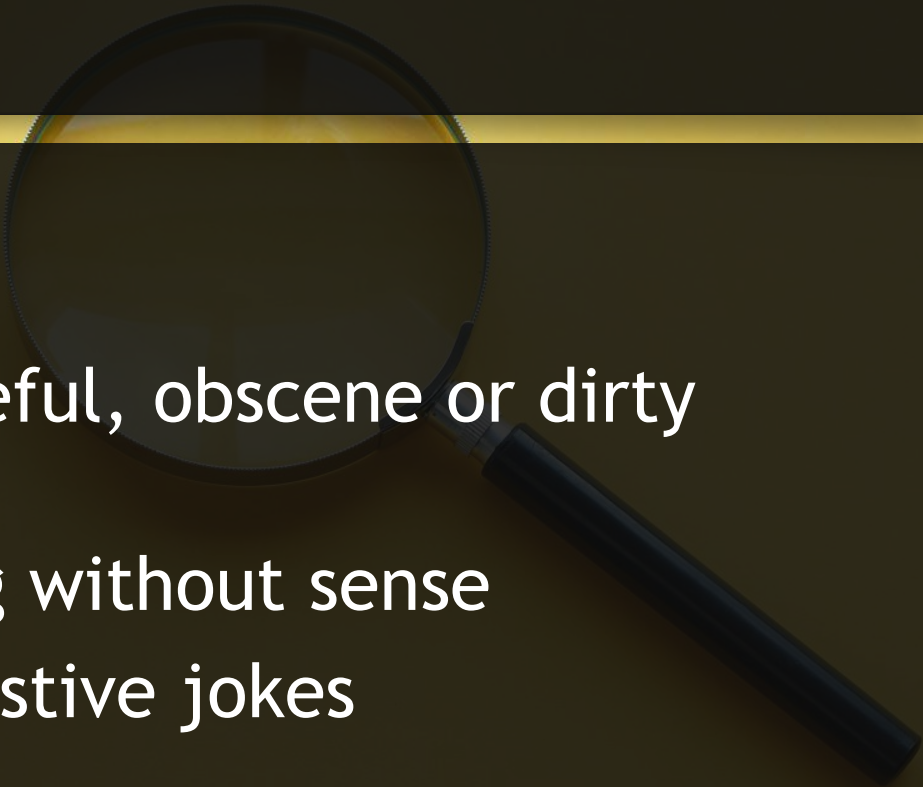
- Immorality (porneia) - sexual immorality, physical sexual contact outside of marriage
  - Impurity - moral uncleanness from sexual lust to a broader licentiousness
  - Greed (covetousness) - extreme selfishness, greed for material things or sexual greed (demanding, envious)
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# Sinful Conversation

- Filthiness - disgraceful, shameful, obscene or dirty speech
  - Silly talk - foolish talk, talking without sense
  - Coarse jesting - dirty or suggestive jokes
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## Coarse Jesting

“jesting that has gone too far...sarcastic  
ridicule that cuts people down and  
embarrasses others who are  
present...humor in bad taste”

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- III. Those who don't, will face severe consequences (5-6)
  - A. They will not inherit God's kingdom (5)



# Covetousness = Idolatry

- Expectations represent your idols
- “I must have \_\_\_\_\_ to be happy”
- With a covetous heart, you lay out expectations for those around you, even God, and demand that they fulfill those expectations
- Your demands make others miserable and they make you vulnerable

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  - B. They will receive God's wrath (6)