

**Human Sexuality in Leviticus 18:9-23 and Its Implication for
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ABSTRACT

The fast increase in moral depravity among adolescents and youths has become a recognized social problem in Nigeria. The study focuses on the role of human sexuality and how it has helped to control STDs in Iwo. It examines the perception of people on STDs control in Iwo. Survey and in-depth interview were employed to gather information. Primarily, Exegetical survey research designs consist of the Hebrew text of Leviticus 18:9-23 and 30 Respondents are drawn from Iwo Baptist denomination. Secondly, data from UN-AIDs, NACA and State hospital Iwo, established the existence of STDs in Nigeria, Osun State and Iwoland respectively. Findings reveal a turn down in cultural values and practices over time and this is associated to the impact of westernization on value placed on sexual purity. As much as culture influences our way of life, the role of the family in maintaining moral purity cannot be ruled out as the family is the primary means of socialization. Data from Leviticus 18 are used to examine the biblical sexuality and then related to currently extramarital sexual behaviour. An overwhelming majority of respondents had accurate information about STDs. In particular, they associated STDs transmission largely with casual sex or having multiple sexual partners. The study underscores the relation between knowledge and behaviour, and calls for a well articulated campaign designed to educate the masses about the danger of STDs. It aims at modifying both premarital and extramarital sexual behaviour, thereby reducing the risk factor for STDs through heterosexual relations, which is the main mode of transmission in Iwo. It concludes that the global menace needs a biblical solution which is by avoiding all sexual sins including the perversion of sex like homosexuality. God's plan is for sexual relationship to be within the context of the marriage covenant.

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