

## Questions Posed for Study

**Question: Is flirting a sinful behavior?**

**Of actions & words.**

**(Proverbs 6:12 - 14)**

**Intro:** We have heard that actions speak louder than words and we know this to be true. However, actions often times reinforce our words. In this particular question we ask whether or not flirting is okay, whether by one's action and or the use of words, or both! We will look at what the Bible has to say about this subject and what is being communicated. While this may not be a problem among us as a group, there are those around us, younger people such as teen grandchildren or something that takes place in various gatherings, at the office etc. The information, as is the case in most of all our lessons can be used to give wise counsel to others who are not biblically wise, or simply naive in trying to get personal attention.

Question posed: Are there biblical principles concerning flirting or seductive behavior?

**I. Body language – Proverbs 6:12 – 14.**

- A. This passage in Proverbs is referring to one's body \_\_\_\_\_ and a warning concerning the wrong which can be done even without words.
1. One doesn't have to be a genius to know when one is really excited. Their body \_\_\_\_\_ is quite indicative that they are excited.
  2. The same goes for one being disappointed, saddened, shocked or angry.
  3. As someone has aptly put it, "Their body \_\_\_\_\_ says it all."
- B. One's eyes are able to \_\_\_\_\_ without saying a word.
1. **Proverbs 20:8.**
  2. A Teacher in her classroom can by a simple \_\_\_\_\_ can communicate a warning to a disruptive student.
  3. A raised \_\_\_\_\_ can communicate disbelief or doubt.
  4. A furrowed brow communicates \_\_\_\_\_ or a need for better understanding.
  5. Facial expressions and our eyes are able to communicate the \_\_\_\_\_ of one's heart whether the intent is good or evil.
- C. While flirtatious behavior may be a game, or a deliberate attempt at enticement, it is in and of itself dangerous and an \_\_\_\_\_ behavior for a Christian.
1. We can never know how someone will \_\_\_\_\_ a flirtatious behavior.
  2. The problem with flirtation, be it with the eyes or physical conduct, the inuendoes are \_\_\_\_\_ of a wicked or immoral communication.

3. The other problem is the loss of one's \_\_\_\_\_ when we act flirtatious and others may have more in mind than just flirtation.
4. While it may seem innocuous and harmless, in reality it is a behavior that represents a form of \_\_\_\_\_ and deception. And whether it is only meant to be harmless, the harm is, in what is being \_\_\_\_\_, and the other half is mixed signals.
5. When we consider **Philippians 4:8**, we are expected by God and guided by the Holy Spirit and God's infallible Word, to \_\_\_\_\_ bad and evil thoughts, and replace them with thoughts that contain as Paul wrote - "**if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**"
6. Lust takes on many levels and \_\_\_\_\_ from thoughts to actions, and involves everything ranging from material items, to lusting after people, and everything in between.
7. **Proverbs 6:20 – 29.**
  - a. The word "**commandment**" in **verse 20** means in part, a code of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. While the word "**law**" in **verse 20** means \_\_\_\_\_ or direction be it of man or divine.
  - c. The purpose of the "law" is \_\_\_\_\_ and the purpose of "instruction" is the reproof and way of life. (**Proverbs 6:23**)
  - d. The purpose being as stated in **verse 24** – to keep one from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. **Verse 25** reveals a warning about the power of flattery and flirtation
- D. **I Corinthians 7:1 – 5**, is a warning about being \_\_\_\_\_ and more.
  1. The idea of "touch" is (in context), motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ desires.
  2. **Verse 2** – "to have" (present tense, active voice, imperative mood) defines the relationship as a husband and wife legally \_\_\_\_\_ by marriage.
  3. "**Power**" in **verse 4** (*ex-oo-see-ad'-zo*) meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ over one or to exercise authority over one. The authority is given to the spouses when it comes to intimacy of marriage.
    - a. **Defraud**" in **verse 5** (present tense, active voice, imperative) means to despoil.
    - b. To keep back by \_\_\_\_\_ which in this case is a refusal to meet a spouse's needs for no legitimate reasons.
    - c. The purpose is to prevent Satan from tempting either spouse with incontinency, or one's lack of self-control.
- E. The reality is that flirting is a form of \_\_\_\_\_ a person's sexual intentions or desires and is therefore wrong. And while some folks are simply lecherous persons, we need to make sure our attire and actions are not sending out the wrong signals as well.