

**So you think you can dance?**

Text: Mark 6:14-29

Introduction

- A. Use a Bible Dictionary and find the meaning of the word dance:

Body

**I. Dancing to worship God**

- A. Ex. 15:20-
- B. 2 Sam. 6:16-
- C. Ps. 149:3-
- D. Ps. 150:4-

**II. Dancing in pagan worship.**

- A. Ex. 32:19-
- B. 1 Kings. 18:25-29-

**III. Dancing as sin.**

- A. Mk. 6:14-29. This is in the case of Herod
- B. Licentious is this dancing?
  - 1. Gal. 5:19-
  - 2. Mk. 7:21-22-
  - 3. 1 Pet. 4:3-
- C. If you gave a movie rating to Mark 6:14-29 what would it be? G, PG, PG-13, R, or X rating. Why?
  - 1. Why did Herod have John the Baptizer beheaded? Mark 6:21-28
  - 2. Mark 6:22 reads, "When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guest." Is dancing a sin? Why?
  - 3. Be honest, why do people dance? Because of a desire to develop grace and skill, to obtain needed exercise, or for sex appeal?
  - 4. What do you think of this: "85% of young ladies in a home for unwed mothers, when asked why they were there, responded with the statement that they *first got out of step on a ballroom floor!* Out of 44 young men who were once asked about their feeling toward girls with whom they danced, 41 replied they had improper and unholy thoughts" (taken from How Young People Get Hurt by Robert R. Taylor, Jr.).
  - 5. Now think of this; a dance where the lights are turned down and music is talking about unholy things, should a Christian be apart of this dance?
    - a. Matthew 7:17-
    - b. James 1:27-
    - c. 1 Corinthians 10:31-
    - d. Matthew 5:16-

D. Questions which need to be asked:<sup>iii</sup>

- 1. How much time will you spend shopping and primping for the prom or other dance?

2. How does that time compare with the time you spent helping the church outside of the worship services?
  3. How much money will you spend preparing for the prom or other dance?
  4. How do these figures compare with your church contribution in the previous month?
  5. Would you invite Jesus as your guest for the prom or dance? If not, why not?
  6. Would you ask Jesus to dance with you? If you would, do you think he would accept?
  7. What effect will going to the prom or other dance have on your influence as a Christian?
  8. List the characteristics of Philippians 4:8. Does dancing involve these characteristics?
  9. Read Gal. 5:19-21 and make two lists. One list should include the works of the flesh and the other should include the works of the spirit. In which list should dancing be placed?
  10. Some people today are defining holiness by staying just a little bit better than the world; yet the world is going downhill every day. Should our standards of holiness change because the world's standards are changing?
  11. What about the clothing used at the prom or other dance can a Christian really wear that type of clothing?
  12. Now think of this a dance where the lights are turned down and music is talking about unholy things, should a Christian be apart of this dance?
  13. In all honesty does dancing bring you closer to God or away? How? If it doesn't help your relationship with God why do it?
- E. I believe any honest person can clearly see that the Prom and other dances are no place for the Christian.

#### **IV. Dancing for joy.**

- A. The Bible does also talk about dancing of another kind.
  1. 1 Sam. 18:6-
  2. Ecc. 3:4-
  3. Mt. 11:17-
  4. Luke 15:25-
- B. Is this dancing a sin? Why or why not?
  1. Compare the dancing done in Mark 6:22 and Luke 15:25.
  2. When is dancing a sin and when is it not? What other verses in the Bible reinforces your position?
  3. Also looking at the dancing done in Mark 6:22 and Luke 15:25 which type of dancing is more comparable of the dances you are aware of?
- C. List some innocent types of dancing.

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<sup>i</sup> Question 1-7 adapted from <sup>i</sup> Should Christian Teens Attend the Prom? By Todd Clippard.

<sup>ii</sup> Question 8-10 adapted from Plug Into Power by Jimmy Sites