**The Moral Condition Of Lindale, TX**

***I: The Importance of Moral Awareness***

**Ephesians 5:15**

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

**Proverbs 22:3**

3 A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself,
      But the simple pass on and are punished.

**Proverbs 14:12**

12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
      But its end *is* the way of death.

***Lot’s Decision:* Genesis 13:9-13**

**Ephesians 5:8-12**

8 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit*is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them.* 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

***II: The Moral Condition of Lindale***

**1 Peter 4:3-5**

3 For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetimein doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in **lewdness**, **lusts**, **drunkenness**, **revelries**, **drinking parties**, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you.* 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

**Romans 1:24-27**

24 Therefore God also gave them up to **uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves**, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

***III: The Importance of Separation***

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

33 Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

**1 John 2:15-17**

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

**James 4:4**

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**Romans 1:32**

32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

***IV: Proper Morality***

**Romans 12:1-2**

 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**Titus 2:12**

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

**Philippians 2:15**

15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

**2 Corinthians 6:17**

17 *Therefore*, *“ Come out from among them* a*nd be separate, says the Lord.* *Do not touch what is unclean,* a*nd I will receive you.”*

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

**Proverbs 9:10**

10 “ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom,
      And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

***The Value of Wisdom:* Proverbs 2**