

**Spencer W Kimball – Be Ye Clean
Faith Proceeds the Miracle, Chapter 16
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We cannot evade responsibility

- Luke 12:59
 - “paid the very last mite”
 - Spencer W Kimball:
“The way of the transgressor is hard. It always has been and it always will be.”
- Galatians 6:7
 - As we sow, so shall we reap
 - Spencer W Kimball:
“One may do as he pleases, but he cannot evade responsibility. He may break laws, but he cannot avoid penalties. One gets by with nothing. God is just.”
- Alma 11:37
 - “Ye cannot be saved in your sins”

We can be forgiven of serious sins

- D&C 64:7
 - “I, the Lord, forgive sins unto those who confess their sins before me and ask forgiveness, who have not sinned unto death.”
- Isaiah 55:7
 - “abundantly pardon”
- D&C 42:25
 - “But he that has committed adultery and repents with all his heart, and forsaketh it, and doeth it no more, thou shalt forgive;”

We can become clean

- Isaiah 1:18
 - “though your sins be as scarlet”
- D&C 58:42
 - “I, the Lord, remember them no more”

Sexual sins are very serious

- Romans 1:24
 - “lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“The early apostles and prophets mention numerous sins that were reprehensible to them. Many of them were sexual sins—adultery, being without natural affection, lustfulness, infidelity, incontinence, filthy communications, impurity, inordinate affection, fornication. They included all sexual relations outside of marriage—petting, sex perversion, masturbation, and preoccupation with sex in one's thoughts and talking. Included are every hidden and secret sin and all unholy and impure thoughts and practices.”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“The world may countenance premarital sex experiences, but the Lord and his church condemn in no uncertain terms any and every sex relationship outside of marriage, and even indecent and uncontrolled ones within marriage.”

We can't blame our sins on the Lord

- James 1:13
 - “neither tempteth he any man”
 - Spencer W Kimball:
“Let him who has evil tendencies be honest and acknowledge his weakness. I tell you the Lord places no sin in our lives. He has made no man wicked.”
- 1 Cor 10:13
 - “not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“To blame our sins upon the Lord, saying they are inherent and cannot be controlled, is cheap and cowardly. To blame our sins upon our parents and our upbringing is the way of the escapist. One's parents may have failed; our own backgrounds may have been frustrating, but as sons and daughters of a living God we have within ourselves the power to rise above our circumstances, to change our lives.”

Necking

- Spencer W Kimball:
“Instead of remaining in the field of simple expressions of affection, some have turned themselves loose to fondling, often called "necking," with its intimate contacts and its passionate kissing. It is an insidious practice leading to other vices.”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“Necking is the younger member of this unholy family. Its bigger sister is called "petting.””

Petting

- Matthew 5:27-28
 - “whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart”
- Matthew 42:23
 - “he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her shall deny the faith”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“Who would say that he or she who pets has not become lustful, has not become passionate? Who would say that there has not been mental adultery? Is it not this most abominable practice that God rebuked in his modern reiteration of the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt not steal; neither commit adultery, nor kill, nor do anything like unto it.” What, may I ask you, is like unto adultery if it is not petting?”

Serious sin – forgiveness does not come easy

- Ephesians 5:5-7
 - “for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience”
- 1 Nephi 15:34
 - “kingdom of God is not filthy, and there cannot any unclean thing enter into the kingdom of God”
- D&C 42:24
 - “he that committeth adultery, and repenteth not, shall be cast out”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“The way of the transgressor is hard and tough and long and thorny. But the Lord has promised that for all those sins and errors outside of the named unpardonable sins, there is forgiveness. But sometimes it takes

longer to climb back up the steep hill than it did to skid down it. And it is often much more difficult.” (Teachings of Spencer W Kimball, pg 81)

Does fornication or adultery require excommunication?

- Spencer W Kimball:
“The Lord has indicated that the bandage must be the size of the sore; if one has offended many, he must be chastised before many, and if the offense is known to few, then the adjustment involves few. Every unrepentant transgressor should be handled and, if he continues rebellious, should be disfellowshipped or excommunicated.”
- Spencer W Kimball:
“a transgressor whose sin is secret and has voluntarily confessed and whose repentance is without reservation can be forgiven in secret by proper authorities.”