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Deuteronomy 23:1 ⇨ “No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord.” God inspired this verse for more than Old Covenant reasons; it **physically represents spiritual truth**. Castration eliminates reproductiveness and pleasure. Spiritual castration eliminates the spiritual reproductiveness of evangelism and missionary work; it also eliminates fullness of joy in the Lord, which strengthens Christians directly and indirectly by their generous overflow ⇨ Nehemiah 8:10.

Christianity defined is outward-oriented due to inward-reception: we generously share what God gave us ⇨ 1 John 4:19... as is the human male privy member. Spiritual fertility is an entrance requirement into the congregation of those who’s Lord (the one who has lordship over their own human will) is Jesus Christ. Reproductive evidence **authenticates** Christianity ⇨ James 1:22-25; 2:14-26 **after** relational evidence **initiates** Christianity ⇨ Romans 10:9; Matthew 7:13-23.

God designed life to work this way; sex **after** marriage, evangelism **after** maturity, and many other instances of **making disciples**. The starting place is personal: now that I am a Christian, I need to be filled up to overflowing with God ⇨ Ephesians 3:19; His Word ⇨ Colossians 3:16, His ways ⇨ Psalm 103:7; Exodus 33:13; Deuteronomy 5:33; and His Holy Spirit ⇨ Exodus 31:3; Ephesians 5:14-21. God designed these things to mature us.

We learn practically by watching and emulating mature others ⇨ 1 Corinthians 11:1. Under this supervision, we eventually become discipled to a place of starting to reach out to others ourselves. With practice, we become increasingly fruitful ⇨ Matthew 25:14-30; Proverbs 11:30. This is God’s will, both spiritually and physically ⇨ John 15:8. It also glorifies God, who rewards the one glorifying Him. Christianity is simple and positive.

Next we learn to be mature in a group setting ⇨ Deuteronomy 23:1. God said to not neglect getting together as an assembly ⇨ Hebrews 10:25. Called churches, these do have problems needing correcting from time to time ⇨ Revelation 2-3; 1-2 Corinthians, and all the epistles of the New Testament. This includes us today. We see churches binge on one thing or another... often: faith, deliverance, prosperity, etc., but God wants it all.

One current common problem is self-focus, resulting in what our pastor called the **high-maintenance / low impact church** this past Sunday. The Bible does NOT teach the model of church often seen today, which spends most of its time, money and attendance on things related to **those who attend instead of the lost souls it exists to save!** It will not be a good day when these people have to give an account for their life before God ⇨ Romans 14:12; Hebrews 4:12-13. **But what should I do if I am one of these people???**

For those living a **castrated** life instead of a Biblically **Christian** life: repentance is still available, although we do not know for how much longer. God says ‘If you hear My Voice today, don’t be dense (*literally!*) or harden your heart.’ In other words: Seize the moment!!! ⇨ Psalm 95:7-11; Hebrews 3:7-4:7. God is willing to forgive the past if we authentically repent from it ⇨ Acts 17:30-31. Then, read and do paragraphs 2-5 above.

The lost need strong Christians; not castrated, unproductive, and selfish ones. ♥