

represented the seamy underside of society, and were generally frowned upon by decent people; today they are openly practiced and tolerated without shame or apology or explanation. In fact, they are glorified and idolized in theaters and on television in countless movies, soap operas, dramatic series, and sitcoms, as well as in books and magazines without number.

Has the sexual revolution reached the churches? Are Christians yielding to the desire to break through the limits God has set for human conduct?

With great sorrow and with tears in my heart, I must acknowledge that more and more church kids are having sexual relations outside of marriage, more and more Christian leaders – elders, deacons, and pastors – are having affairs, and more and more Christian women are involved in clandestine affairs.

I know of a deacon who was having an affair with a woman in his church. When it became known, and he was confronted with his sin, he defied the pastor, rallied his relatives and his friends on the deacon board and in the congregation behind him, and defied the other officers and church members to do anything about it! The pastor stood his ground, and eventually the church was split over this issue!

I personally know a college teacher whose wife ran off with the head of the department where she worked. She left word that she was tired of working hard, scrimping and scraping, taking care of two children, and not having nice clothes.