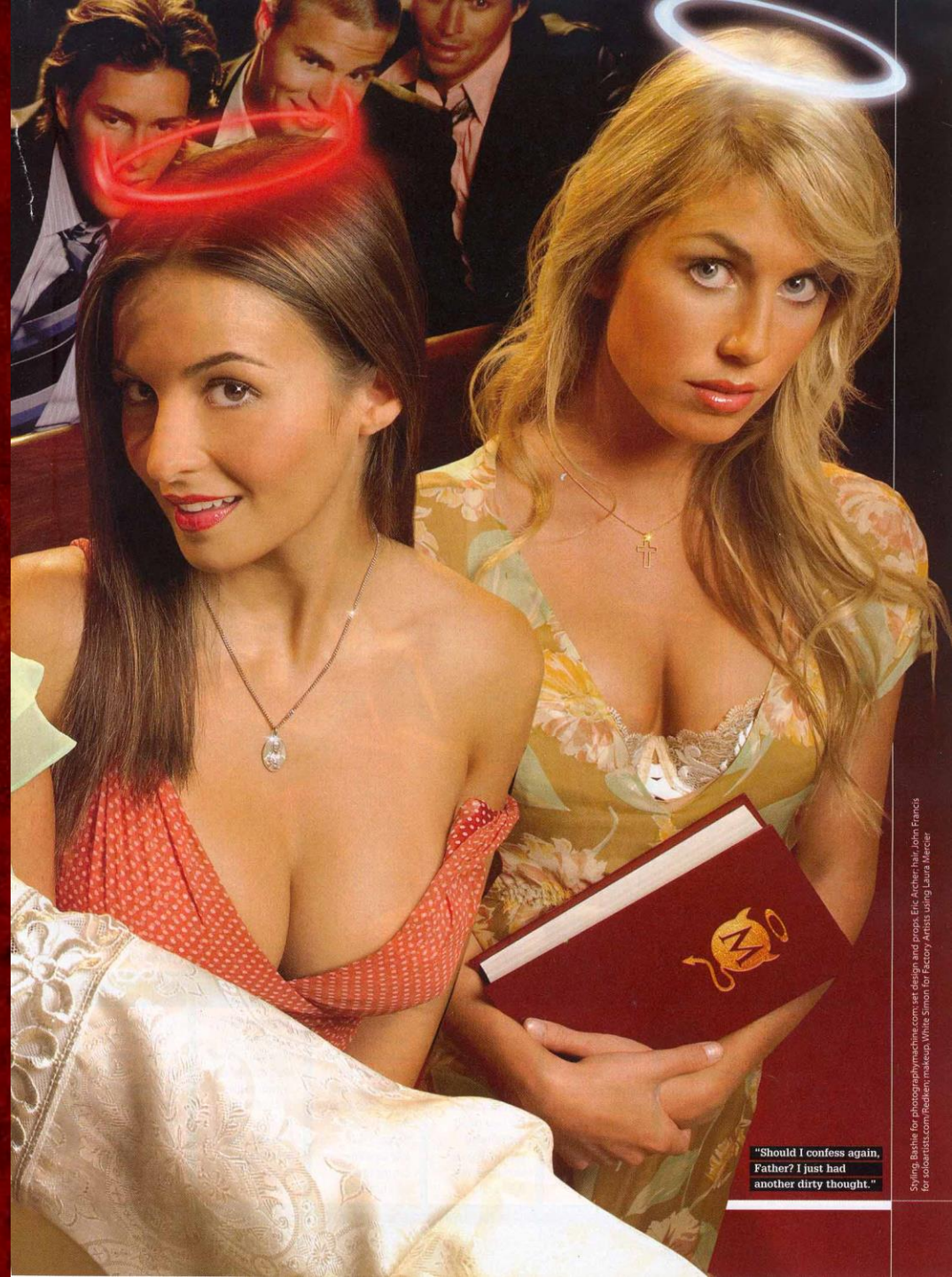
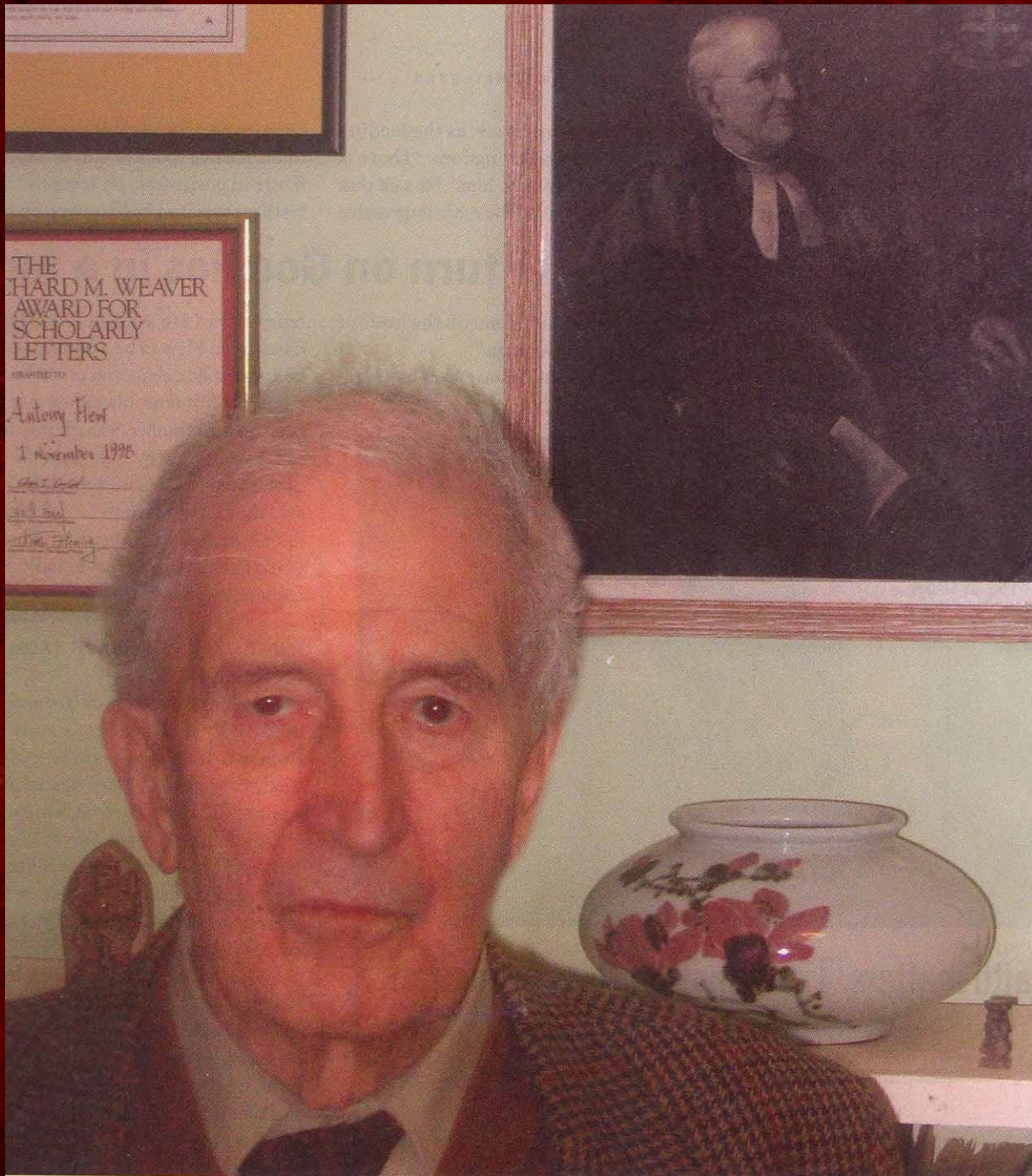


# Sex In The Body Of Christ

## Part 4: Why Wait?



"Should I confess again,  
Father? I just had  
another dirty thought."



# **Last Three Weeks:**

**Statistics about the pervasiveness of sex  
in our present-day society**

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That Perpetuate the Problem**

**Looking, But Not Touching:  
Tackling Internet Pornography**

# Clever Ways to Look Without Touching

- **Magazines**
- **Fantasizing**
- **The Internet**
- **Chat Rooms / Instant Messaging**
- **Movies**
- **Strip Clubs**

**Why is Christ having so little impact on the sexual behavior of those in the body of Christ?**

# The Truth

1 Peter 1:13-16

**“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”**

# The Truth

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”**

# So Why Are Christians Having Sex Outside of Marriage?

**Because our loved ones are close by, and God seems far away.**

**Although we know that it is wrong, we never discuss *why* it is wrong.**

**Because we refuse to yield control of this part of our lives over to Jesus.**

**Because we are immature in our relationship with Christ / we have not truly been renewed.**

**Because we simply want to.**



# What is Wrong with Christians Having Sex Outside of Marriage?

1. It harms us physically.
2. It harms us mentally.
3. It harms us emotionally.
4. It harms us spiritually.

# **Spiritual Harm Resulting from** **Sex Outside of God's Will**

**<sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders <sup>10</sup>nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

# Spiritual Harm Resulting from Sex Outside of God's Will

**<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"**

**Matthew 7:21-23**

# Spiritual Harm Resulting from Sex Outside of God's Will

<sup>12</sup>"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything. ... <sup>14</sup>By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? ... <sup>17</sup>But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:12, 14-17

# **Spiritual Harm Resulting from** **Sex Outside of God's Will**

**<sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.**

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20**



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