

~LOOSE CONDUCT (483)

[Hebrew, *zim-mah'*, Greek, *a-sel'gei-a*]

.. Out Of The Heart

- Acts that reflect a brazen attitude, an attitude betraying disrespect, even contempt for Law and authority. The Hebrew word *zim-mah'* is rendered, loose conduct and loose morals.
- The nakedness of a woman and her daughter you must not lay bare. The daughter of her son and the daughter of her daughter you must not take in order to lay her nakedness bare. They are cases of blood relationship. It is **loose conduct**. (Leviticus 18:17)
- Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute, in order, that the land may not commit prostitution and the land actually be filled with **loose morals**. (Leviticus 19:29)
- The Greek term *a-sel'gei-a*, **loose conduct**, may also be rendered **licentiousness, wantonness, shameless conduct, lewdness of conduct**.
- Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, **loose conduct**. (Galatians 5:19) Footnote
- And he delivered righteous Lot, who was greatly distressed by the indulgence of the law-defying people in **loose conduct**. (2 Peter 2:7) Footnote
- Neither term is restricted to sexual immorality. The Scriptures classify as **loose conduct** such things as gang rape.
- And the men did not want to listen to him. Hence the man took hold of his concubine and brought her forth to them outside, and they began to have intercourse with her, and kept on abusing her all night long until the morning, after which they sent her off at the ascending of the dawn. (Judges 19:25)
- Hence I grasped my concubine and cut her up and sent her into every field of Israel's inheritance, because they had carried on **loose conduct** and disgraceful folly in Israel. (Judges 20:6)
- Prostitution

- Your acts of adultery and your neighings, your **loose conduct** in **prostitution**. Upon the hills, in the field, I have seen your disgusting things. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! You cannot be clean, after how much longer? (**Jeremiah 13:27**)
- And they kept on coming in to her, just as one comes in to a woman that is a **prostitute**, in that manner they came in to Oholah and to Oholibah as women of **loose conduct**. (**Ezekiel 23:44**)
- **Bloodshed**
- Do not take away my soul along with sinners, nor my life along with **bloodguilty** men. (**Psalms 26:9**)
- In whose hands there is **loose conduct**, and whose right hand is full of bribery. (**Psalms 26:10**)
- Outright slanderers have proved to be in you, for the purpose of **shedding blood**, and on the mountains they have eaten in you. **Loose conduct** they have carried on in the midst of you. (**Ezekiel 22:9**)
- And as in the lying in wait for a man, the association of priests are marauding bands. By the wayside they commit **murder** at Shechem, because they have carried on nothing but **loose conduct**. (**Hosea 6:9**)
- The unprincipled man is the one who is said to scheme **loose conduct**, and those to whom such **conduct** is **like sport** are classed as **stupid, or morally worthless**.
- As for the **unprincipled man**, his instruments are bad, he himself has given counsel for acts of **loose conduct**, to wreck the afflicted ones with false sayings, even when someone poor speaks what is right. (**Isaiah 32:7**)
- To the stupid one the carrying on of **loose conduct** is **like sport**, but wisdom is for the man of discernment. (**Proverbs 10:23**)

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- Jesus points out that **loose conduct** reflects what a person is inside. He says;

- Further, he said, That which issues forth out of a man is what **defiles** a man. (**Mark 7:20**)
- For from inside, out of the heart of men, injurious reasonings issue forth, fornications, thieveries, murders. (**Mark 7:21**)
- Adulteries, covetings, acts of wickedness, deceit, loose conduct, an envious eye, blasphemy, haughtiness, unreasonableness. (**Mark 7:22**)
- All these wicked things issue forth from within and defile a man. (**Mark 7:23**)
- **Loose conduct** is one of the works of the flesh, one of the fleshly desires that carry on a conflict against the soul. Those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom, says God's Word.
- Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, **loose conduct**. (**Galatians 5:19**)
- Envy, drunken bouts, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. (**Galatians 5:21**)
- Beloved, I exhort you as aliens and temporary residents to keep abstaining from fleshly desires, which are the very ones that carry on a conflict against the soul. (**1 Peter 2:11**)
- Christians loving the light of truth are told;
- As in the daytime let us walk decently, not in revelries and drunken bouts, not in illicit intercourse and **loose conduct**, not in strife and jealousy. (**Romans 13:13**)
- Now this is the basis for judgment, that the light has come into the world but men have loved the darkness rather than the light, for **their works were wicked**. (**John 3:19**)
- For he that practices vile things hates the light and does not come to the light, in order, that **his works may not be reprov**ed. (**John 3:20**)

- But he that does what is true comes to the light, in order, that his works may be made manifest as having been worked in harmony with God. (**John 3:21**)
- The apostle Peter argues;
- For the time that has passed by is sufficient for you to have worked out the will of the nations when you proceeded in deeds of **loose conduct, lusts, excesses with wine, revelries, drinking matches, and illegal idolatries.** (**1 Peter 4:3**)
- The apostle Paul likewise admonishes Christians, describing the course of worldly nations with whom they formerly associated as,
- This, therefore, I say and bear witness to in the Lord, that you no longer go on walking just as the nations also walk in the unprofitableness of their minds. (**Ephesians 4:17**)
- While they are in darkness mentally, and alienated from the life that belongs to God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the insensibility of their hearts. (**Ephesians 4:18**)
- Having come to be past all moral sense, they gave themselves over to **loose conduct to work uncleanness of every sort with greediness.** (**Ephesians 4:19**)
- Nevertheless, some claiming to be servants of God and Christ turn from the way of light and display a brazen, defiant attitude toward divine Law and authority.
- Paul was grieved by those in the Corinthian congregation who had not repented;
- Perhaps, when I come again, my God might humiliate me among you, and I might mourn over many of those who formerly sinned but have not repented over their uncleanness and fornication and **loose conduct** that they have practiced. (**2 Corinthians 12:21**)
- Peter warned the early Christians that false teachers would come from among their own ranks and that many would follow their acts of **loose conduct**, bringing reproach upon the way of truth.
- However, there also came to be false prophets among the people, as there will also be false teachers among you. These very ones

- will quietly bring in **destructive sects** and **will disown even the owner that bought them**, bringing speedy destruction upon themselves. (2 Peter 2:1)
- Furthermore, many will follow their acts of **loose conduct**, and on **account of these the way of the truth will be spoken of abusively**. (2 Peter 2:2)
 - Jesus words to the congregations in Pergamum and Thyatira, written down by the apostle John about **96 C.E**, indicate that Peter's prophecy was to some extent having fulfillment at that time.
 - And to the angel of the congregation in Pergamum write. These are the things that he says who has the sharp, long two-edged sword. (Revelation 2:12)
 - Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, that you have there those holding fast the teaching of Balaam, who went teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to **eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication**. (Revelation 2:14)
 - And to the angel of the congregation in Thyatira write. These are the things that the Son of God says, he who has his eyes like a fiery flame, and his feet are like fine copper. (Revelation 2:18)
 - Nevertheless, I do hold this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she **teaches and misleads my slaves to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols**. (Revelation 2:20)
 - Both Peter and Jude express the judgment coming on practicers of **loose conduct**.
 - These are fountains without water, and mists driven by a violent storm, and for them the blackness of darkness has been reserved. (2 Peter 2:17)
 - For they utter swelling expressions of no profit, and by the desires of the flesh and by **loose habits** they entice those who are just escaping from people who **conduct** themselves in error. (2 Peter 2:18)
 - While they are promising them freedom, they themselves are

- existing as slaves of corruption. For whoever is overcome by another is enslaved by this one. ([2 Peter 2:19](#))
- **Certainly if, after having escaped from the defilements of the world by an accurate knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they get involved again with these very things and are overcome, the final conditions have become worse for them than the first. ([2 Peter 2:20](#))**
 - **For it would have been better for them not to have accurately known the path of righteousness than after knowing it accurately to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. ([2 Peter 2:21](#))**
 - **The saying of the true proverb has happened to them; The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the sow that was bathed to rolling in the mire. ([2 Peter 2:22](#))**
 - **So too Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities about them, after they in the same manner as the foregoing ones had committed fornication excessively and gone out after flesh for unnatural use, are placed before us as a warning example by undergoing the judicial punishment of everlasting fire. ([Jude 1:7](#))**
 - **The argument of some practicers of **loose conduct** in their attempt to entice and deceive others in the Christian congregation is that God's undeserved kindness is great and that he will overlook their sins, since he recognizes their imperfections and fleshly weakness.**
 - **But Jesus half brother Jude spoke of such as being,**
 - **My reason is that certain men have slipped in who have long ago been appointed by the Scriptures to this judgment, ungodly men, **turning the undeserved kindness of our God into an excuse for loose conduct** and proving false to our only Owner and Lord, Jesus Christ. ([Jude 1:4](#))**
 - **Such ones profession of Christianity is meaningless. Their service is unacceptable to God, it is as the wise writer of Israel said;**
 - **The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable. How much more so when one brings it along with **loose conduct**. ([Proverbs 21:27](#))**

- Under the Law, the same viewpoint was expressed against **loose conduct**. God has not changed on this matter. **Loose conduct** was legislated against, and the penalty was death.
- The nakedness of a woman and her daughter you must not lay bare. The daughter of her son and the daughter of her daughter you must not take in order to lay her nakedness bare. They are cases of blood relationship. It is **loose conduct**. (**Leviticus 18:17**)
- And where a man takes a woman and her mother, it is **loose conduct**. They should burn him and them in the fire, in order, that loose conduct may not continue in your midst. (**Leviticus 20:14**)
- David appealed to God not to take his life away with bloodguilty men, in whose hands there is **loose conduct**.
- Do not take away my soul along with sinners, nor my life along with bloodguilty men. (**Psalms 26:9**)
- In whose hands there is **loose conduct**, and whose right hand is full of bribery. (**Psalms 26:10**)
- Through his prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel, Yehowah warned Israel of his judgments against them for **loose conduct** practiced both in a physical and a spiritual way.
- And I myself also will lift up your skirts over your face, and your dishonor will certainly be seen. (**Jeremiah 13:26**)
- Your acts of adultery and your neighings, your **loose conduct** in **prostitution**. Upon the hills, in the field, I have seen your disgusting things. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! You cannot be clean, after how much longer? (**Jeremiah 13:27**)
- Outright slanderers have proved to be in you, for the purpose of **shedding blood**, and on the mountains they have eaten in you. **Loose conduct** they have carried on in the midst of you. (**Ezekiel 22:9**)
- And, look! I shall certainly stretch out my hand against you and I shall diminish your allowance and give you to the soulful desire of the women hating you, the daughters of the Philistines, the **women humiliated** on account of your way as regards **loose**

conduct. (Ezekiel 16:27)

- For the reason that you did not remember the days of your youth and you would cause me agitation because of all these things, even here I also, for my part, will put your own way upon your very head, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, and you will certainly not carry on any **loose conduct** alongside all your detestable things. (Ezekiel 16:43)
- Your **loose conduct** and your **detestable things**, you yourself must bear them, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Ezekiel 16:58)
- And you continued calling attention to the **loose conduct** of your youth by the pressing of your bosoms from Egypt onward, for the sake of the breasts of your youth. (Ezekiel 23:21)
- Therefore, O Oholibah, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am rousing up your passionate lovers against you, those from whom your soul has turned away in disgust, and I will bring them in against you on all sides. (Ezekiel 23:22)
- The sons of Babylon and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, all the sons of Assyria with them, desirable young men, governor's and deputy rulers all of them, warriors and summoned ones, riding on horses, all of them. (Ezekiel 23:23)
- And they must come in against you with rattling of war chariots and wheels, and with a congregation of peoples, with large shield and buckler and helmet. They will set themselves against you all around, and I will give judgment over to them, and they must judge you with their judgments. (Ezekiel 23:24)
- And I will express my ardor against you, and they must take action against you in rage. Your nose and your ears they will remove, and the remainder of you will fall even by the sword. Your sons and your daughters they themselves will take, and the remainder of you will be devoured by the fire. (Ezekiel 23:25)
- And they will certainly strip off you your garments and take away your beautiful articles. (Ezekiel 23:26)
- And I shall actually cause your **loose** conduct to cease from you, and your prostitution carried from the land of Egypt, and you will not raise your eyes to them, and Egypt you will remember no

more. (**Ezekiel 23:27**)

- For this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am giving you into the hand of those whom you have hated, into the hand of those from whom your soul has turned away disgusted. (**Ezekiel 23:28**)
- And they must take action against you in hatred and take away all your product of toil and leave you naked and nude, and the nudeness of your acts of fornication and your **loose conduct** and your acts of prostitution must be uncovered. (**Ezekiel 23:29**)
- There will be a doing of these things to you because of your going like a **prostitute** after the nations, on account of the fact that you defiled yourself with their **dungy idols**. (**Ezekiel 23:30**)
- In the way of your sister you have walked, and I shall have to give her cup into your hand. (**Ezekiel 23:31**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; The cup of your sister you will drink, the deep and wide one. You will become an **object of laughter and derision**, the cup containing much. (**Ezekiel 23:32**)
- With drunkenness and grief you will be filled, with the cup of astonishment and of desolation, the cup of your sister Samaria. (**Ezekiel 23:33**)
- And you will have to drink it and drain it out, and its earthenware fragments you will gnaw, and your breasts you will tear out. For I myself have spoken, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 23:34**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that you have forgotten me and you proceeded to cast me behind your back, then you yourself also bear your **loose conduct** and your acts of **prostitution**. (**Ezekiel 23:35**)
- And Yehowah went on to say to me; Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah and tell them their **detestable things**? (**Ezekiel 23:36**)
- For they have **committed adultery** and there is blood on their hands, and with **their dungy idols** they have committed adultery.

And, besides that, their sons whom they had borne to me **they made pass through the fire to them as food.** (Ezekiel 23:37)

- **What is more, this is what they have done to me; They have defiled my sanctuary in that day, and my Sabbaths they have profaned.** (Ezekiel 23:38)
- **And when they had slaughtered their sons to their dungy idols they even proceeded to come into my sanctuary on that day to profane it, and, look! That is what they have done in the midst of my house.** (Ezekiel 23:39)
- **And in addition to that, when they began to send to the men coming from far away, to whom there was sent a messenger, then, look! They came, for whom you had washed yourself, painted your eyes and decked yourself with ornaments.** (Ezekiel 23:40)
- **And you sat down upon a glorious couch, with a table set in order before it, and my incense and my oil you put upon it.** (Ezekiel 23:41)
- **And the sound of a crowd at ease was in her, and to the men out of the mass of mankind there were drunkards being brought in from the wilderness, and they proceeded to put bracelets on the hands of the women and beautiful crowns upon their heads.** (Ezekiel 23:42)
- **Then I said respecting her who was worn out with adultery; Now she will keep on committing her prostitution, even she herself.** (Ezekiel 23:43)
- **And they kept on coming in to her, just as one comes in to a woman that is a prostitute, in that manner they came in to Oholah and to Oholibah as women of loose conduct.** (Ezekiel 23:44)
- **But as regards righteous men, they are the ones that will judge her with the judgment for adulteresses and with the judgment for female shedders of blood, for adulteresses are what they are, and there is blood on their hands.** (Ezekiel 23:45)
- **For this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; There will be the bringing up of a congregation against them and a making**

of them a frightful object and something to plunder. (**Ezekiel 23:46**)

- And the congregation must pelt them with stones, and there will be a cutting of them down with their swords. Their sons and their daughters they will kill, and with fire their houses they will burn. (**Ezekiel 23:47**)
- And I shall certainly cause **loose** conduct to cease out of the land, and all the women will have to let themselves be corrected, so that they will not do according to your loose conduct. (**Ezekiel 23:48**)
- And they must bring your **loose conduct** upon you, and the sins of your **dungy idols** you will bear, and you people will have to know that I am the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 23:49**)
- There was **loose conduct** in your uncleanness. For that reason I had to cleanse you, but you did not become clean from your uncleanness. You will become clean no more until I cause my rage to come to its rest in your case. (**Ezekiel 24:13**)