

# The Christian and Dancing

Matt. 14:6

Introduction:

- A. Dancing is a popular pastime with many.
  - 1. Not just among young people, but senior citizens.
  - 2. Not nearly as innocent as most seem to think.
- B. Dancing used to be the subject of sermons – even among denominations.
  - 1. Now preachers who speak out are criticized.
  - 2. Now anyone who opposes dancing is considered relic of the past.
- C. I want to notice several aspects of the subject of dancing:

Discussing:

## I. Dancing in the Bible

- A. Dancing mentioned 22 times in the Old Testament and 5 times in the New Testament.
- B. Dances favorably mentioned.
  - 1. Dance of joy (Ex. 15:20, 21; Judges 11:34; 1 Sam. 18:16; 21:11; 29:5; 2 Sam. 6:12-15; 1 Chron. 15:25-29)
    - a. Leaping for joy.
    - b. Either women or men.
  - 2. Dances of worship (Psa. 149:2-3; 150:1-4)
- C. Dances unfavorable mentioned (Ex. 32:19, 20; Job. 21:11-20; Mt. 14:6)
- D. I.S.B.E. - “of the social dancing of couples in the modern fashion there is no trace.”

## II. The Nature of Modern Dance.

- A. Some “dancing” may be innocent.
  - 1. Some foot movement (Ill. Farmer and teens)
  - 2. Some tap dancing.
- B. Most can not be decently done.
  - 1. Ball room dancing – male and female in close embrace.
  - 2. Other dances – males and females not close, but bodily movements are sensual.
  - 3. Doesn’t make a difference if at night club dance hall or the local school hall.

## III. The Modern Dance Is Inconsistent with the Christian’s Life.

- A. It is Worldly
  - 1. It fits into the 3 things of the world as defined by John (1 John 2:15-17)
  - 2. Therefore, it should not be a part of a Christian’s life (Jas. 1:27; 4:4; Rm. 12:2)
- B. It is lasciviousness (Gal. 5:19)
- C. It bears bad fruit (cf. Matt. 7:16,17; 12:33)
  - 1. Often provokes impure thinking.
  - 2. Often leads to fondling.
  - 3. Often leads to outright fornication.
- D. It hurts a Christian’s influence (cf. Mt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 3:1,2)

## IV. The Modern Dance Cannot Be Justified.

- A. “But it is chaperoned” – cannot chaperon the mind or private activity that follows.
- B. “Dancing develops poise” – if the purpose why not with same sex.
- C. “Dancing is good exercise” – same as with poise.
- D. “Dancing needed for social grace” – need “Christian graces” not “social grace.”

Conclusion:

- A. Dangers of dancing far outweigh any benefit it might bring.
- B. Someone said, “A dancing foot and a praying knee is not usually found on the same person.”