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
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.”