SCRIPTS AND SCRIPTURE

The word *script* can denote a type of handwriting, the written dialogue of a play or movie, or the shortened term for a physician's pharmaceutical order. One uncommon definition of *script* is it being a particular idea, value, or norm. Sometimes it’s applied psychologically to explain one’s behavior; or, sociologically, to explain a social trend in culture. There are scripts that are theological, political, ideological — every “-al” there is. They float around in scenarios influencing us from birth.

Scripts are powerful providers of security, purpose, and meaning. They tell us what to say, how to think, when to move, how to feel. In many ways, they are not the operating systems of our lives but the coding that makes them up. You put these scripts together and, when systematized, they create an overarching narrative to give meaning, explain purpose, and provide security. They come from media, commerce, political systems, education, communities, and even our families. All the while, we all absorb them, are influenced by them, and pass them on.

Though the Bible has been around for a while, its true embodiment as a primary script has yet to be realized. This is made most evident in the realm of sexuality. Rather than understanding what sexual scripts the Bible has to present, humanity has imposed its own scripts onto the Bible, causing much confusion, suffering, and misery. Before delving into the sacred principles of relationships and physical intimacy, we will look at the role of not scripts, but Scripture.
Write out Romans 12:1, 2 from the translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Romans 12:1, 2. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

Which scripts are prevalent in your experience: monk-thinking or hunk-thinking?

Why are they both so dangerous when it comes to sexuality?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying all of Romans 12:1, 2? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How can we be a living sacrifice when it comes to our minds?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

1 John 2:15–17  
Matthew 7:24–28  
Titus 2:11–15  
1 Corinthians 3:18–23  
1 John 5:1–5

What other verses come to mind in connection with being countercultural?

Review your memorized verse from Romans 12:1, 2.
Meditate on Romans 12:1, 2 again and look for where Jesus is.

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

How has Jesus been a countercultural figure in your life?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what personal applications are you convicted of in your life?

What are applications you must make in your social life?

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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

What scripts are you aware of in your mind?

How do you become aware of scripts that are hidden?

What are some scripts of sexuality that you hold?

Give an example of dualism/asceticism in society. Give an example of hedonism in society.

How do you see examples of traditionalism and its impact on sexuality?

Where are areas that the scripts of society clash with the scripts of Scripture?

How have you dealt with this dissonance in the past? Does this make you more resolved or more reticent?

How can you be transformed by the renewing of your mind?