

Blessie Dhakal's *World of Women* article on promiscuity

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FFWPU Nepal, Robert Kittel: *Recently Mrs. Blessie Dhakal, the wife of the Special Envoy to Nepal and Member of Parliament Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, had an article published in a very prominent magazine in Nepal. In her own right she is the President of WFWP-Nepal. This is a national, monthly magazine. Reason for asking her opinion is that Mrs. Dhakal is one of the prominent rising women of Nepal.*

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Even talking about promiscuity can be sensitive. Media amplification tends to remove social barriers thereby encouraging people to think this behavior is “okay.” No doubt pre- and extra-marital relationships are increasing, in large part due to the Western culture’s emphasis on self-centered happiness based on extreme individualism.

Young people especially need to know the risks related to sex outside of marriage, including: life-threatening incurable diseases, unwanted pregnancies, abortion trauma, mental flashbacks, suicide and broken hearts. There are social risks as well: family breakdown, lover rivalries, domestic violence, property disputes, absent or disrupted education, escalating crime, rising cost of health care and other social services, and a diminished tax-base. History is testimony that the misuse of human sexuality can even cause civilizations to fall (the Roman Empire, Han Dynasty and Mogul Empire are examples).

What is the solution? We — parents, teachers, social leaders and the media — must collectively teach the importance of marriage and family. This cultural value is more dominant in Asian societies. Love without marriage is more easily broken; marriage without love is dry and boring. Love needs marriage and marriage needs love! “We” need to teach that the proper use of human sexuality is in marriage, a norm endorsed by all religions East and West.