

# Thoughts about fraternity/sorority culture?

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Haven't seen this topic discussed before and i was wondering if y'all had some thoughts. I know that frats and sororities aren't inherently sinful and there are a lot of good Christians involved, but in general theres a lot of worldly and sinful chase that infiltrates and dominates frats/sororities. I see that a lot of people live for the weekends and are miserable throughout the week.

Not asking anything specific so spit anything below as it relates to rpchristians

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Rifleshoot • 3 points • 16 June, 2020 07:31 PM

It varies from frat to frat. I was in one and while every member except one was nominally Christian, most of us had no problem having pre-marital sex, and of course, getting way way too drunk. But, that isn't to say that a Christian can't maintain his morality in that environment. We had a guy that refused to drink or have sex, and he was the best of us. I don't think frats or sororities are subject to any more temptation than the average college student is. Students in the dorms were subject to the same temptations. It's ultimately up to the individual whether or not they partake. I did.

Billy\_King • 7 points • 16 June, 2020 09:05 PM

A guy I know said that he came to Christ because of there was a guy in his frat similar to the guy you describe. There's probably few of them but these are the guys who have a rock solid faith. They have mastered self control and won't be shaken easily.

Rifleshoot • 2 points • 16 June, 2020 09:42 PM

Exactly. I think it's wise for any Christian to know what they are getting into in a fraternity, but it isn't necessarily any worse than the temptation you get simply by going to college.

Billy\_King • 2 points • 16 June, 2020 09:56 PM

Personally I think the environment and situations are more tempting but I guess I can see your point

ENTPunisher • 1 point • 16 June, 2020 11:22 PM

I was in a fraternity, a mid-sized one with a good reputation that was a bit more individualistic than average. I have to say, it was an interesting experience.

It helps to streamline your social life. You no longer have to plan stuff. Events are scheduled and you can invite girls out to these events on a whim.

You'll have the opportunity to meet a bunch of sorority girls.

Make sure wherever you pledge has plenty of tailgates and mixers. That's where you meet the most girls, as opposed to parties where all the chicks there are part of someone else's entourage.

You'll learn 100+ innovative ways to consume alcohol. Everything from Edward Fortyhands to Snap Cup to the fabled Tiddy Shot.

You'll do Illuminati style cult rallies in the woods at night.

You'll also have the opportunity to do some bro events like sporting events or trips to state parks and such.

You'll meet a lot of autistic football bros that can't connect on any other topic. You'll have to pretend to like them. Maybe you are one; I'm not sure. I definitely wasn't.

My recommendation is that you don't join one with a reputation for heavy hazing. Mine didn't. That crap is stupid and serves no purpose.

There are also Christian frats. Don't join those either. It defeats the entire purpose, and they're filled with betas.

All in all, I'd say if I had to do it all over again I probably wouldn't have pledged. I would have preferred to spend time in a lot of smaller student organizations that were more closely aligned to my interests, and assumed more leadership positions in those.

By no means was it all bad though. Met tons of girls, and some of my current friends in the Fraternity. Also, if you play your cards right you can get business connections.

If you enjoy the party/sports life, join.

agoodcrayon • 2 points • 18 June, 2020 02:50 AM

So what's your take on willfully taking a path full of temptations and rebellion?

Personally, I avoided going the college route because I knew what it was all about. And the people I knew before they went off to university completely changed during their journey as if all women became the same type and all men became the same type. If that makes sense.

I'm not saying all people in college are bad or frats/sororities breed only bad people but they definitely do have an influence.

ENTPunisher • 2 points • 18 June, 2020 11:59 AM

My goal when joining a fraternity was to meet tons of girls so I could refine my game (check) and to not have to waste a lot of time planning my social life (check).

Any sins I committed along the way were entirely my fault/choice and can't really be blamed on the frat itself. And honestly Greek life can never be singularly blamed for the degeneracy that takes place on campus. The liberal co-ops and the spirit organizations are 100x worse.

College is just a place where you become who you were already going to be. Weak lukewarm Christians remain weak lukewarm Christians and religious zealots remain religious zealots. College didn't change me.

Vholzak • 2 points • 18 June, 2020 11:33 AM

Well said - pretty similar to my experience

Red-Curious • 1 point • 17 June, 2020 03:59 PM

Fraternities have value in the sense that you learn to relate with other men, which is a skill many men end up lacking. Most guys lack this type of relationship with a variety of men, instead only having one or two close friends. The life-on-life nature of fraternity culture also has value in understanding what discipleship can look like when you're living alongside others so closely.

Of course, in fraternity culture you're among peers, not under a true authority structure as the foundation of your "life-on-life" nature. Also, the men you're being influenced by may not be the greatest influences.

So, there are pros and cons. There's nothing inherently red pill or blue pill about the structure itself. There's nothing particularly Christian or unchristian either. It is what you make of it. I've had friends who joined fraternity culture in order to witness to the other men there, and they had great success doing it. I had others who went in passively and ended up worse off for it.

CarelessBowler5 • 1 point • 23 June, 2020 11:31 PM

I cannot in good conscience recommend a Christian join a sorority or fraternity, in today's hypersexualized climate.

Why?

It stands as self-evident that joining Greek life in 21st Century America is at least walking on the line of sexual sin if not secretly pursuing the opportunity.

That's why so many of the comments take the otherside of the argument, "It doesn't just have to be about sex and

parties."

The sinners' side of the argument speaks so loudly for itself, you don't need anyone to mention it. All of our breath is spent creating exceptions.

Find one person on this forum who got everything from their sorority/frat and didn't have any hookups. I'll wait.