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On many occasions spanning over a century, leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) have taught that adherents should not masturbate as part of obedience to the code of conduct known as the law of chastity. The LDS Church places great emphasis on the law of chastity. Commitment to live the law of chastity is required for baptism, and adherence is required to receive a temple recommend, and is part of the temple endowment ceremony covenants devout participants.

The most well-known group of Mormons is the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, which was founded in the early 1800s. Later, branches of the original Mormon church were started with each splitting over differences in theology or conflict over certain religious practices. Here are 10 things to know about Mormonism: Photo courtesy: ©Thinkstock/ShaneWThompson.

1. Mormonism came out of a movement from Joseph Smith. Reports indicate that at 14 years old, Joseph Smith was “confused about religion” and went to the woods to pray. In 1823, Joseph Smith said the angel Moroni visited him.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, often informally known as the LDS Church or Mormon Church, is a nontrinitarian, Christian restorationist church that considers itself to be the restoration of the original church founded by Jesus Christ. The church is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, in the United States, and has established congregations and built temples worldwide. According to the church, it has over 16 million members and 65,000 full-time volunteer missionaries. In 2012, the