

I. Introduction: The Key to Sexual Purity. Pr. 4:23

II. God Created Sex. Gen. 2:24 1:27-28

A. Sex is Part of God's Perfect Creation.

- 1. The Fall was not a Sinful Sexual Awakening.**
- 2. The Significance of Adam and Eve's Nakedness. Gen. 2:25**

B. Why Did God Create Sex?

- 1. An Expression and Enhancement of Marital Oneness. Gen. 2:24 4:1**
- 2. God's Chosen Means to Enable Mankind to Fill the Earth. Gen 1:27-28 Ps. 127**
 - a. God wisely puts children into families.
 - b. Children should know that they "came from" an expression of their parent's love.
- 3. For the Enjoyment of Husband and Wife. Deut. 24:5 Pr. 5:18-19 Heb. 13:4 Song of Solomon 1:2,13-16 7:1-10 4:1-7 5:10-16**

III. God's Design for Sex is Violated by any Expression Outside of the Marriage Covenant. Ecc. 7:29 Rom. 1:18-32

A. Adultery. Ex. 20:14 Mt. 19:9 I Cor. 6:16 Pr. 7:27 6:24-35

- 1. God Hates Marital Unfaithfulness.**
- 2. Beware of "Fatal Attractions". Gen. 39:9 .**

B. Fornication. Jm. 15:19 I Cor. 6:9 Heb. 13:4

- 1. Taking the Privileges of the Marriage Covenant without Accepting the Responsibilities. Our culture has redefined promiscuity.**
- 2. Stealing from your Future Spouse and the future Spouse of your Partner in Sin. I Cor. 7:4**
- 3. Sexual Sin is not Restricted to Going "All of the Way".**
- 4. Those who are Courting or Engaged Need to be Especially Careful! You are not Married until the Covenant has been Formally Established!**
- 5. Premarital Promiscuity can Adversely Affect Your Marriage. Num. 32:23 (Mack p. 99)**

C. Homosexuality. Lev. 18:22 20:13 I Cor. 6:9 Ro. 1:26-27 Gen. 19:5 Ezek. 16:48-49 Jude 7 Dt. 22:5 I Tim. 1:10 II Pet. 2:6 (See Grant and Horne, Unnatural Affections.)

1. **Homosexuality is a Gross Perversion of God's Design.**
2. **Are People Born Homosexual?**
3. **Calling Homosexuality Sin offers Hope because God Forgives and Transforms.**
II Co. 5:17 I Cor. 6:9-11
4. **It is Acceptable to be a "Non-practicing" Homosexual?** Mt. 5:27-28 15:19
5. **Are Such Sins "Victimless"?** Lev. 18:22ff.
6. **The Movement of our Society to Accept Homosexuality is a Sign of God's Judgement upon us.** Isa. 5:20 Ro. 1:18-27 Gen. 19 *Gay Pride*

D. Lust. Mt. 5:27-28 Job 31:1,9 Pr. 7:25 6:25 II Tim. 2:22

1. *It is not all right to look so long as you don't touch!*
2. **Nor is private sexual expression acceptable.**
3. **Beware of Pornography and Romantic Novels (and films).**
4. **Lustful thoughts Often Lead to Acts.** Js. 1:14-15
5. **Beware of leading others into temptation: immodesty and flirtation.** Pr. 7:10ff 6:25

E. Other Sexual Sins: Polygamy and Bestiality. Mt. 19:5 Lev. 18:23 20:15-16 Ex. 22:19

1. **Two Shall be ONE Flesh!**
2. **There is nothing new under the sun.**

F. Self Centered Hedonism.

1. **Even in Marriage: Sex can be Misused: Idolatry and Perversion:**
2. **Wrong Ideas About Sex Will Damage Your Marriage.** Twisted ideas > hurt spouse

G. God Brings Many Consequences to Sexual Sin.

1. **Present Consequences.** Num. 32:23 Pr. 6:25-25 5:10-14,21-23 7:22-27
 - a. Sexually transmitted diseases.
 - b. Damaged marriage relationships.
 - c. The collapse of the family and then the society as a whole.
 - d. Personal misery. Psalm 32:3-4
2. **Ultimate Consequences: God's Wrath.** I Cor. 6:9-10

IV. How Can You Make Your Sexual Relationship in Marriage All that it Should Be?

A. Strive for the God's Ideals for Your Marriage.

- 1. Almost All "Sexual Problems" in Marriage are Merely Symptoms of Other Problems.**
- 2. You have Entered into an Unconditional Lifelong Covenant of Commitment.**
Ge. 2:18-25
- 3. The Husband is the Initiator in Love, Sacrificially Giving Himself to His Wife.**
Eph. 5:25-33 I Pet. 3:7
- 4. The Wife Joyfully Accepts Her Role and Submits to Her Husband's Leadership.**
Eph. 5:22-24 I Pet. 3:1-7
- 5. Both Strive for Open Communication: Listening and Speaking in Love.** Ep. 4:29
Including Communication About Sex. (Mack. p. 111-112)

B. Think first of How to Bring Happiness and Satisfaction to Your Spouse, Rather than Seeking Self Gratification. Phil. 2:1-4 I Cor. 7:3-5

- 1. You Should be a Servant to Your Spouse. God has Given Your Sexuality Primarily for his (or her) Enjoyment.**
 - a. No sexual bargaining.
 - b. Learn how to make the other person happy. *I Pet. 3:7*
- 2. Understand the Differences Between Male and Female Perspectives on Sex.**
 - a. Men tend to be more visual and sensual. *Mt. 5:28*
 - b. Women tend to focus more on the relationship.
 - c. God has made men to initiate love and women to respond. Song of Solomon
- 3. Make Efforts to Keep Romance in Your Marriage.**
 - a. Candlelight dinners, weekends away, candles, flowers.
 - b. Don't let the television ruin your sex life! .
 - c. Work at being alluring to one-anther.
- 4. Keep Learning! Intended for Pleasure, by Ed Wheat**

C. Avoid Temptations Which Could Threaten Your Fidelity to One Another.

- 1. God has Given the Marriage Bed as a Safeguard Against Temptation.** I Cor. 7:5
Pr. 5:15-19 Song of Solomon 1:2 How Often Should a Couple be Together?
- 2. Stay Far Away from Any Situation Which Could be Tempting.** Mt. 5:28-30 Pr. 5:1-23 6:23-35 7:1-27 Job 31:1
 - a. Don't trust yourself. Jer. 17:9 Pr. 14:12 Pr. 5:8
 - b. If godly men like David could be tempted, so can you.

3. **Maintain Strict Propriety in Relationship with Members of the Opposite Sex.** I Ti. 5:2
 - a. Very few Christians *plan* to have an affair.
 - b. No privacy with a member of the opposite sex. (Car, house)
 - c. No unreported contacts or conversations with members of the opposite sex.
 - d. Your spouse must be involved in any friendships with members of the opposite sex.
 - e. It is virtually impossible to have a platonic relationship with a member of the opposite sex who is close to your age.

4. **Guard Your Heart.** Pr. 4:23
 - a. Wandering Eyes. II Sam. 11:2 Mt. 5:28
 - b. Wandering thoughts.
 - c. Lust and private sexual expression defraud your spouse.
 - d. Your goal is that all of your sexual energy is directed to your spouse.

V. Questions:

- A. **Is it Wrong to Use Birth Control?**
 1. **God Wants Us to Have Children.** Gen. 1:27-28 Ps. 127
 2. **I Do Not Believe that We Must have As Many as Possible.**
 3. **What About Onan?** Gen. 38:6-10
 4. **Certain Methods of Birth Control are Ruled Out Because They are Abortive.**
 5. **Is it Appropriate for One Partner to be Sterilized (After having Children!)?**
 - a. Considerations of health.
 - b. Could there be a reason you would regret this decision in the future?

- B. **Are There Restrictions On What a Husband and Wife May Do Together?**
 1. **There are Some Acts Which are Unnatural, Harmful or Immodest and Therefore Forbidden.**
 2. **Love Demands that You Never Selfishly Demand that Your Spouse Do Something She (or He) Doesn't Want to Do.** I Cor. 13:4-6
 3. **Whatever You Cannot Do in Faith, with a Clear Conscience, is Sin.** Rom. 14:23

- C. **How Should Children be Taught About Sex?**
 1. **They are Already Getting A Lot of Information About Sex from Other Sources.**
 2. **Part of Your Duty in Training them is to Teach them to See Sex as God Sees it.**
This includes the fact that they should have a sense that their parents enjoy each other!
 3. **This Involves Practical Warnings About the Kinds of Temptations Which will Come Their Way.** Pr. 5 6 7
 4. **Teach them How (and Why) to Resist Temptation. (And Keep them from Temptation).** I Cor. 10:13
 5. **The Only "Safe Sex" is in Marriage.**
 6. **Recommended Books:** *Navpress: God's Design for Sex Series.*
 - a. Carefully read these BEFORE you give them to your children.
 - b. We found that they gave more information at an earlier age than we were comfortable with.
 - c. Discuss them with your children.

VI. Concluding Applications.

