

Sex in Marriage

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The Bible provides guidance for a satisfying sexual relationship in marriage, emphasizing the importance of unselfish consideration, mutual agreement, and protection from temptation.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:11, Matthew 5:27, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 1 Corinthians 7:1, Hebrews 13:4, 1 Peter 3:4

Topics: "Marital Intimacy", "Sexual Purity"

Description

Dick Siple preaches on the sanctity of marriage and the importance of honoring God's design for sexual relationships within marriage. He emphasizes that sex is not shameful when experienced within the bonds of marriage, but becomes sinful and shameful when misused outside of marriage. Siple highlights the need for unselfish consideration, mutual agreement, and protection from temptation within the marriage relationship, while also addressing the seriousness of divorce and the importance of maintaining a pure conscience, body, mind, and heart in marital intimacy.

Transcript

Text: Heb. 13:4; I Cor. 7:1-13

In these days virginity is laughed at by many & couples are living together before marriage--but God says marriage is honorable & the bed undefiled. Sex is not shameful; only perversion or the wrong use of sex is shameful.

Gen. 1:31, God's creation...was very good; it included the sexual part of Adam & Eve. Sin brings shame.

Everything evil is basically something that is good but is used in the wrong way. Sex outside of marriage is sinful & shameful.

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SEVEN STATEMENTS BY GOD CONCERNING THE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP IN MARRIAGE:

1. ONLY TO BE EXPERIENCED WITHIN THE BONDS OF MARRIAGE, vs. 1-2

Outside of marriage--is to be "hands off."

In the O.T. God's laws required the death penalty for all sexual perversion, all misuse of sex: (Lev. 18,20) - adulterer, carnal knowledge (nudity), incest, premarital sex, extra marital sex, homosexual acts (Lev.

20:13; Rom. 1:26-27), sexual acts with animals.

Why? Because it destroys families & individuals, & when they think they have freedom to do what they want it simply brings slavery.

1 Cor. 6:9-11, were homosexuals, but now as Christians, washed & cleansed.

2. UNSELFISH CONSIDERATION OF YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER, vs. 3

The number one problem in marriage relationships today is selfishness.

1 Peter 3:4, a submissive spirit, a quietness.

1 Peter 3:7, husband dwell with wives in knowledge (common sense), unselfish consideration of a husband & wife--should have for one another in all things, including sex.

3. RECOGNIZE YOUR BODY BELONGS TO EACH OTHER, NOT TO YOURSELVES, vs. 4

You have sexual desires that are not for your own pleasure, but for the pleasure of the marriage partner (in a sweetness & completeness).

4. MUTUAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING SEXUAL ACTIVITY BETWEEN A HUSBAND & WIFE, vs. 5

Main cause of distress in marriages is communication in openness & love. Know what your partner's wants & desires are.

Important to have:

a. Cleanliness - take a bath, good breath ("draw near, having your body washed with pure water").

b. Weight control, proper rest & time.

c. Gentleness, courteous

d. Imaginative, sensitivity, understanding, patience, avoid vulgarity.

5. PROTECT ONE ANOTHER FROM TEMPTATION, vs. 5

Prov. 31:11, husband safely trusts in her so he has no need of spoil.

6. DIVORCE IS FORBIDDEN EXCEPT ON BIBLICAL GROUNDS, & EVEN THEN IT IS NOT COMMANDED, BUT ONLY ALLOWED IN EXTREME CASES, vs. 10-15

Does not speak of separation, but if they do separate, they should remain married that they may be reconciled.

7. GOD RECOGNIZES A MARRIAGE ONCE THE CONTRACT IS MADE & IS CONSUMMATED.

But be not unequally yoked together.

Four guidelines to keep sex sweet & satisfying in your marriage:

a. Pure conscience, 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 6:18-20

b. Pure body, 6:18-20

c. Pure mind, Mt. 5:27-28; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 10:2-5

(See cassette tape: "Renewing of the Mind" by Dick Siple.)

d. Pure heart: a heart of love that gives instead of seeking to take, Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 3:18;

4:9-11

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