

Part 5: Are You Serious About Sex?

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The Argument

*How can something that was
supposed to be so good create so much pain?*

The Underlying Argument

God, why are you such a prude?

mo-ral-i-ty

1. conformity to the rules of right conduct; moral or virtuous conduct.
2. moral quality or character.
3. virtue in sexual matters; chastity.
4. a doctrine or system of morals.

mor-al

1. of, pertaining to, or concerned with the principles or rules of right conduct or the distinction between right and wrong.

Morality in the 21st Century

Culture says that sex is god.

Religion says that sex is dirty.

Skeptics say that God's view of sexuality is repressive.

God says that sex is a gift.

For pleasure and comfort: Song of Solomon

For oneness: Genesis 2:24 – The husband and wife will become one flesh

For children: Genesis 1:28 – Be fruitful and multiply and increase in number

For knowledge: Genesis 4:1 – Adam lay with his wife Eve, and he knew her

For protection: 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 – Now for the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman. But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

God's Ideal for Sexual Activity

God said to Moses: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. – Genesis 2:24

Jesus said: “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” – Matthew 19:4-6

The Apostle Paul said: “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. – Ephesians 5:31-33

***Sexual intimacy is encouraged
within the context of a monogamous,
life-long, heterosexual marriage.***

Small Group Questions

- 1) What did you do on October 31st this year?
- 2) Describe a typical dinner in your home when you were 8 years old. Were you together as a family? Was there conversation? Who was around? Who was missing? What was on your plate?
- 3) How was the issue of sexuality handled in your family of origin? Was it talked about? Was it never spoken of? Was the Bible a part of the conversation?
- 4) What do you think makes someone a “moral” person? Is your definition consistent with standards that God calls his children to?
- 5) Past failures in this area can be painful to revisit. God’s grace can never be forgotten. How do you know when you have been fully forgiven and your story has been redeemed?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

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