

Sex God's Way

Society promotes sexual anarchy, but only God's plan truly satisfies

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Sex is not a sin. It is a God-created gift for a husband and wife. King Solomon poetically details each moment of intimacy from meeting and courtship to marriage and consummation with rejoicing. Sex isn't shunned in the scripture as something hidden. It's not only discussed, it's actually embraced and sung about with joy in the Word of God.

In Proverbs, husbands are to "be exhilarated always with her (their wife's) love." Sex in a covenant marriage before God is mutually submissive, pure, holy and righteous.

Outside of marriage, the complete opposite is true. Outside of marriage, any sexual act is sin. Naughty magazines, porn sites, hook-ups, and casual relationships seek pleasure without commitment. From the club down the street to the computer in your bedroom, sexual immorality is easily available in many forms — often hidden from public view.

Never Enough

Guys and girls, taking your clothes off in a non-marital relationship will leave you broken and empty. Clicking to see that picture or video will leave you ever-wanting and never satisfied. Sexual temptation trades an exciting moment for a lifetime of self-doubt, emptiness,



and regret. The scripture calls these temptations lust and their actions fornication. The Lord clearly says that indulging in sexual desires outside of marriage is wrong.

Looking for some scripture to back this up? There are plenty of warnings against fornication (sexual acts outside marriage) in the New Testament: 1 Cor. 6:13; "Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord." A few verses later, Paul urges, "Flee fornication...he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

Check out Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 5:3, and 1 Thes. 4:3, too. The message is clear.

A former porn star and converted Christian testifies, "I was told by the world it's OK to have sex with your boyfriend, it's OK to test it out. It's not OK. I think that the best thing that we can do is keep spreading the truth."

Stay Faithful to Your Future Spouse

Even within a long-term relationship or engagement, sexual acts before marriage are sinful before God and a betrayal against your future husband or wife. Here's the key: "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4.

God tells us that sex in a covenant marriage is honorable or "timioj" in Greek, meaning dear and precious. In the same verse, sex and sexual acts outside of marriage are sinful and bring God's judgment. That includes sexual acts. That includes touching. That includes looking and lusting. Here's why...

Follow Christ's Lead

Jesus Christ has one bride, His Church. He loves her so much that He died to save her. One day, when the bride, His Church, makes herself ready, He is coming to wed her and celebrate for 1,000 years. One Groom (holy and righteous) + one bride (pure and undefiled) = one marriage consummated at His return.

Just like our Lord is waiting for His bride, He expects us to wait for our spouse. Any pre-marriage sexual act is Biblical adultery against your future spouse, even if you haven't met him or her yet.

Don't wait until you stand at the altar to make a commitment to your spouse. Make a commitment to your spouse today to wait until the altar. I challenge you to make an enduring promise — a covenant — to your future husband (ladies) or wife (gents) right now today. Save yourselves in every way for your spouse. I promise you from first-hand experience, God has someone prepared for you and that person is worth waiting for.

What About the Meantime?

The word of God is clear that sex is for marriage. But my sexual appetite is raging now! So what am I supposed to do in the meantime?

Galatians 5:16 says, "*Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.*" In other words, if you feed your sexual appetite with lust-provoking influences, your sexual appetite will only increase. But if you fill your mind with spiritual things, it will be easier to wait until the altar.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Does the media I consume lead me to lustful thoughts, or spiritual thoughts?
- Do my relationships with the opposite gender lead me to lustful thoughts, or spiritual thoughts?
- Is there anything that I should give up now in order to have a more fulfilling sexual relationship with my future spouse in the long-term?

If you don't believe us, try asking a respected married couple their opinion. I'm sure they'll agree with **Matthew 5:27-30** that making small sacrifices now in order to maintain your purity means that you'll reap long-term benefits both in your future marriage and in the welfare of your soul.