

Topic: Sex and the Bible
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Meaning

3 Myths and 3 Truths

Myth #1: It is an embarrassment to talk about sex in the church.

Truth #1: God has a lot to say on sex.

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves. They will be masters over all life—the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the livestock, wild animals, and small animals."

So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.

Genesis 2:21-25

So the Lord God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He took one of Adam's ribs and closed up the place from which he had taken it. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam.

At last!" Adam exclaimed. "She is part of my own flesh and bone! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man." This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now, although Adam and his wife were both naked, neither of them felt any shame.

Song of Songs 7:1-9

"How beautiful are your sandaled feet, O queenly maiden. Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of a skilled craftsman. Your navel is as delicious as a goblet filled with wine. Your belly is lovely, like a heap of wheat set about with lilies. Your breasts are like twin fawns of a gazelle. Your neck is as stately as an ivory tower. Your eyes are like the sparkling pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath-rabbim. Your nose is as fine as the tower of Lebanon overlooking Damascus. Your head is as majestic as Mount Carmel, and the sheen of your hair radiates royalty. A king is held captive in your queenly tresses.

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Myth #2: Sex is good.

Truth #2: Sex is good when happens within the boundary of marriage.

Deuteronomy 22:28-29

"If a man is caught in the act of raping a young woman who is not engaged, he must pay fifty pieces of silver to her father. Then he must marry the young woman because he violated her, and he will never be allowed to divorce her.

Ephesians 5:3

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.



PROHIBITIONS:

(Lev 18:6; 1 Cor. 5:9-11; 6:9; Eph. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 12:16; 13:4; Rev. 21:8, 22:15; Heb 13:4; Ex 20:14; Lev 20:12; Deut 5:18; Luke 18:11; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 6:9; Heb. 13:4; Lev. 18:22; 20:13 ; 1 Kin. 14:24; Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor 6:9; Lev 18:23; 20:15-16; Deut 27:21)

- Sex with an UNMARRIED person of the opposite sex – FORNICATION, PROSTITUTION, INCEST, ONE NIGHT STAND, FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS, FOOL AROUND.
- Sex with a MARRIED person who is not your spouse – ADULTERY.
- Sex with the SAME SEX – HOMOSEXUALITY.
- Sex with ANIMALS – BESTIALITY.

Myth #3: It is impossible to live a pure life in a sex crazed society.

Truth #3: When there is a will, there is a way.

1 Corinthians 10:13

But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

- firm conviction on God's intention of sex
not safe sex but SAVE SEX

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified [made holy]: that you should avoid sexual immorality [fornication, adultery and others]; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him."

- firm conviction on God's intention of dating and marriage
Not asking: Should Christians be only dating Christians?
But ask: What is the purpose of marriage? What is involved in a marital relationship?

Not asking: How far is too far?
But ask: How can I honor God in my dating relationship?

James Dobson talks about 12 stages of intimacy in his book "Life on the Edge":

1) EYE TO BODY – every relationship starts this way.

2) EYE TO EYE – an electrochemical spark crackles somewhere in the brain, and a little voice say, "Hey. Dude! Pay attention! This could be interesting!"

3) VOICE TO VOICE - the first conversation. Words are tentative and uncomfortable at first – mere small talk, but soon the topics deepen.

4) HAND TO HAND - think back with me to the first time you ever held the hand of someone you were really excited about.

5) HAND TO SHOULDER – which is slightly more personal than the holding of hands. It reflects a "buddy" type of relationship; but still side by side – no commitment yet.

6) HAND TO WAIST. This is not a friendship type of a thing. This is more than just friends. Hand to waist is an intimate thing. It is the cuddling stage

7) FACE TO FACE. Face to face is where you're looking in one another's eyes, gazing into each other's eyes. You're hugging, you're cuddling and then you're kissing and making out. This is a face to face contact. When we talk about kissing, there are actually 2 levels of kissing. There is the quick peck on the cheek type of kiss. And then there is the tongue in mouth French kissing.

8) HAND TO HEAD. Hand to head in our culture is actually more intimate than face to face and French kissing and stuff because you never see it happen unless two people are really close. Stroking each others faces, caressing their heads – kissing usually goes along with it.

Stages 9 through 12 are distinctively sexual and private:

9) HAND TO BODY ABOVE THE WAIST.

10) HAND TO BODY BELOW THE WAIST.

11) MUTUAL MASTURBATION. – that’s bringing each other to orgasm using your hands, “toys” like vibrators or even your mouth (oral sex).

12) SEXUAL INTERCOURSE.

- firm conviction on avoiding the sexual land mines

For guys:

2 Timothy 2:22

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust. Follow anything that makes you want to do right. Pursue faith and love and peace, and enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

For gals:

1 Timothy 2:9-10

And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

- there is always hope for a new start

When failed, do not abort ... repent and reboot.

Meditate

- Repeat the verse over and over and thinking about its meaning and applications.
- Ask yourself questions as you are thinking about these verses.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-6 (The Message)

One final word, friends. We ask you—urge is more like it—that you keep on doing what we told you to do to please God, not in a dogged religious plod, but in a living, spirited dance. You know the guidelines we laid out for you from the Master Jesus. God wants you to live a pure life.

Keep yourselves from sexual promiscuity.

Learn to appreciate and give dignity to your body, not abusing it, as is so common among those who know nothing of God.

Make conversation

Share your answer to one or more of the following questions as you begin your life group gathering or make them as the main topic of your life group meet.

1. Comment on the statement: "Pre-marital sex is no big deal!"
2. Do you believe that there is "someone" out there that God wants you to marry?
3. Take a look at the 12 stages of intimacy from above. Which stage do you think you will stop in your dating relationship?
4. If your boy friend or girl friend does not have the same view as you do in life goals and moral values, will you break up with him or her? If yes, what about differences in faith?
5. What is God's purpose for a male and female to get married?
6. Is sexual sin a more severe sin than any other sins?

(You can email ka.wonka@gmail.com for Pastor Ka's comments on these questions.)

Memorize

- You can aid memorization by putting the verse on your screen saver (if possible) or simply put it into your agenda book or palm pilot.
- It is best to work on the verse daily for at least three times a day.

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