

A couple is walking away from the camera on a beach. The woman on the left is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved dress and white pants, carrying a pair of black sandals. The man on the right is wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans, carrying a pair of black sneakers. They are holding hands. The background is a soft-focus view of the ocean and sky.

RELATIONSHIPS 101

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LET'S TALK ABOUT

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Survey!

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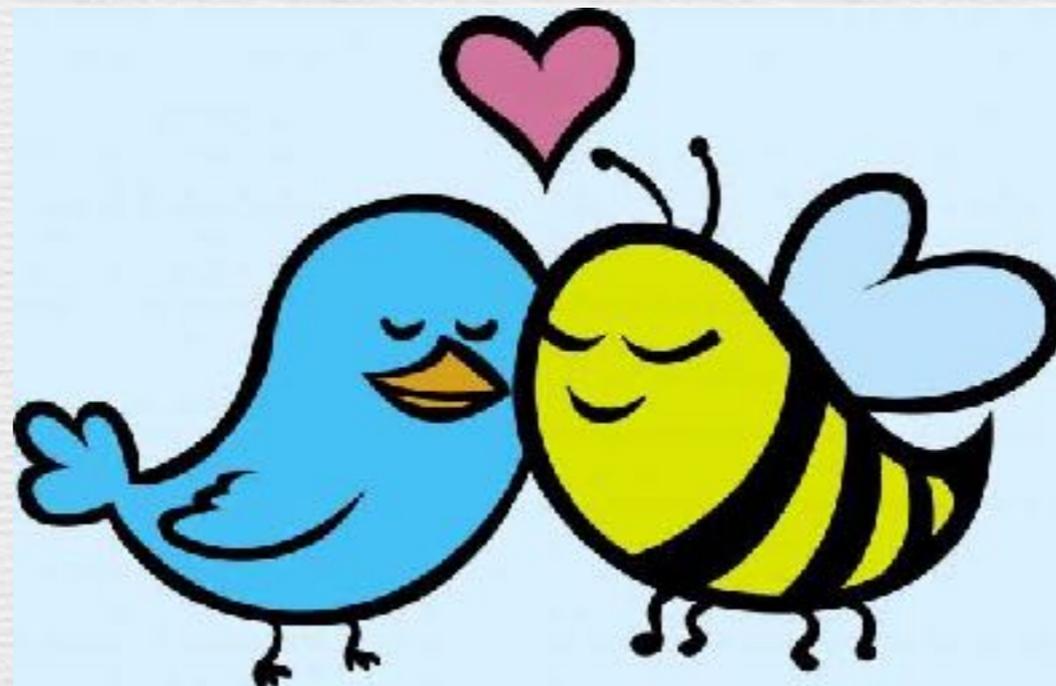
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Public Service Announcement

Sex is NATURAL

Sex was designed by God for
His Glory
and
our pleasure



The only arena in which sex is
pleasing to God and is NOT sinful is
INSIDE the covenant of marriage!

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

- Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to abstain from sexual relations.
- 2 But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

- 3 The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs.
- 4 The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

- 5 Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
- 6 I say this as a concession, not as a command.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

- 7 But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.
- 8 So I say to those who aren't married and to widows — it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am.
- 9 But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust.

*Are you willing to be sexually
available to your spouse until
death do you part?*

The longer sex is postponed in the marital partnership, the greater the risk of temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13

- The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptations to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Proverbs 5:15-23

- Drink water from your own well — share your love only with your wife. ¹⁶ Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? ¹⁷ You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers. ¹⁸ Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. ¹⁹ She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.

Proverbs 5:15-23

- Why be captivated, my son, by an immoral woman, or fondle the breasts of a promises woman? 21 For the Lord sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes. 22 An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. 23 He will die for lack of **self-control**; he will be lost because of his great foolishness.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

- I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and think of how to please him. ³³ But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. ³⁴ His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

- But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. ³⁵ I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

Homework

- Have I fully submitted my sex life to God and his way of doing things?
- Am I presently content in the role that God has called me to occupy? (married or single)
- Will I praise Him and trust that if I am single or unhappily married that HE is more than sufficient?