

SEX AND MARRIAGE

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Sex is a topic most ministers don't want to talk about, and the church sees it as vulgar and indecent to talk about, yet it is a problem area in many lives and relationships. We see a lot of immoral behaviors amongst Christians today. Many marriages are suffering from unfaithfulness from their spouses, lack of sexual satisfaction and sometimes too much demand for it.

To talk and discuss sex is not evil as long as it is to enlighten and help the populace to live their lives successfully according to God's will and purpose. Space will not permit me to write so much on this subject, but I will give you enough to give you an understanding that will help you set things straight.

Sex is a vital part of marriage life. A lack of it has led many men and women to adultery in search of sexual satisfaction. Many women drive their husbands out into the streets through denials and betting with sex. So many men make their wives go into the streets through constant beatings and lack of romance before and during sex. So as a result, there is no sexual fulfillment. Some one may ask, 'how can a Christian ever think of that?' Don't forget that before some people became converted they had an active sex life, and being Christian does not mean that sex is evil or should not be enjoyed. Sex is not just for bearing children as some assume, but for enjoyment and strengthening the bond of love and unity in the marriage. A sweet and fulfilling sexual life will definitely unify the couple and make their love life interesting and sweet.

It is your duty to satisfy your spouse sexually. It is evil to deny your spouse sex except for health reasons. It is evil to bet with sex or sell sex to your spouse. By selling sex, I mean to only allow sex after your spouse has bought for you what you want or has done what you requested. Keep your marriage alive and sweet by giving your self to your spouse willingly and joyfully. Adultery of all kinds should be avoided and the marriage bed undefiled. Masturbation is evil and should be abstained from. Self control should be practiced instead. Fight to keep romance in your marriage. Defeat everything that will want to destroy your romantic life.

A forgiving heart helps to create an active sex life. A bitter heart is a closed life. When one gets bitter, darkness overtakes the person and love seems to be suspended or forgotten. Bitterness is a load in the heart that makes lovemaking uninteresting and difficult. Therefore to have a fulfilling sexual life with your spouse, you have to practice forgiveness and forbearance always.

Treat your partner nicely and care for each other to create the right atmosphere for love to thrive and desire to be with and play with each other to abound. Think often of each other and let nothing or anyone take the place of your spouse in your heart. Do not be rigid in your style of sexual intercourse. A woman was always refusing her husband sex so she got bitten up a couple of times. After one of those beatings, she came to see me about it. In discussing with her I found out that she worked hard at her job, so she is

always tired at the end of the day. At night, she will refuse her husband because all they know about sex is her carrying the weight of her husband as he lies on her. I counseled her to try other methods that will enable them have sex without the man lying on her. She agreed, and that ended their fights over sex. This can also end yours. Think about it. Don't be rigid and over-spiritual about this.

Your marriage is your life, and you don't have another one. Your sex life is a vital part of your life and marriage, and you must treat it with the utmost attention that it deserves.

7 Reasons why people have sex

1. For enjoyment and fun

Prov 5:15-20

15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? 17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. 18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer-- may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. 20 Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?

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Eccl 9:9

9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun- all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

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2. Just to have children – Outside of this, they have no interest.

Gen 1:28

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

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3. It is an obligation to their spouse – not that they are enjoying it.

1 Cor 7:1-7

7:1 Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. 2 But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. 5 Do not deprive each other except 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. 6 I say this as a concession, not as a command.

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4. Just to make a living

Gen 34:31

31 But they replied, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

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Lev 19:29

29 "Do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will turn to prostitution and be filled with wickedness.

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Judg 16:1-2

16:1 One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her.

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Deut 23:17-18

17 No Israelite man or woman is to become a shrine prostitute. 18 You must not bring the earnings of a female prostitute or of a male prostitute into the house of the LORD your God to pay any vow, because the LORD your God detests them both.

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5. Just to get what they want – To obtain favor or have their way.

Judg 16:4-6

4 Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. 5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver." 6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

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Prov 6:26

26 for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life.

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6. The job they do demands it – Intelligence and security agents are good examples. Sex to them is nothing but part of the job. Without a conscience they just do it. Whatever it takes to get the job done, they do it, sex inclusive.

7. Because it refreshes, and makes one youthful.

Song 2:3-7

3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my lover among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. 4 He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love. 5 Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love. 6 His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me. 7 Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

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LEGAL SEX

Whatever reason people give for having sex, all sex is not legal. Any sex outside marriage is sin. This must be clearly understood by all. Sex when one is not married is called Fornication. Sex outside one's marital spouse is called adultery. Commercial sex is called Harlotry or Prostitution. Homosexual life is condemned by God, he calls it an abomination. Sleeping with animals are all condemned. Those who practice illegal sex will be punished in the lake of fire. Masturbation is evil in the site of God. Keep away from it.

Gal 5:19

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

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Hos 4:14

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they turn to prostitution, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, because the men themselves consort with harlots and sacrifice with shrine prostitutes- a people without understanding will come to ruin!

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Ezek 23:43-44

43 Then I said about the one worn out by adultery, 'Now let them use her as a prostitute, for that is all she is.' 44 And they slept with her. As men sleep with a prostitute, so they slept with those lewd women, Oholah and Oholibah.

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Lev 18:6-25

6 "No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD.

7 "Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her.

8 "Do not have sexual relations with your father's wife; that would dishonor your father.

9 "Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere.

10 "Do not have sexual relations with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter; that would dishonor you.

11 "Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father's wife, born to your father; she is your sister.

12 "Do not have sexual relations with your father's sister; she is your father's close relative.

13 "Do not have sexual relations with your mother's sister, because she is your mother's close relative.

14 "Do not dishonor your father's brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt.

15 "Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife; do not have relations with her.

16 "Do not have sexual relations with your brother's wife; that would dishonor your brother.

17 "Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness.

18 "Do not take your wife's sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.

19 "Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period.

20 "Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.

21 "Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

22 "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

23 "Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

24 "Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. 25 Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

1. **Becoming like Christ takes away stress from marriage.**
2. **Submission is the key to greater love.**
3. **Freedom of sex expressions in marriage strengthens the bond of love and oneness.**
4. **The term "my husband" and "my wife" is for only those who are legally married.**
5. **Who to marry is not the most important thing to a single, but preparation to be marriageable.**

- 6. The weakness you fail to deal with now in your single life, will surface in your marriage, and may wreck your home.**
- 7. Love without sacrifice is, fake.**
- 8. Love without patience will not last.**
- 9. Troublesome mother-in laws are not devils, but have only failed to realize that their sons and daughters are no longer babies but independent adults.**
- 10. Your vision of your marriage determines the way you approach matters in your home.**