

Living in a Sex-Crazed World

Sexuality is a gift from God

Human sexuality is a fundamental expression of mankind created in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-27). When God created humankind, He created them male and female. This means that to be human, is to be sexually differentiated.

Everyone is single for a significant time

Jesus models celibate sexuality. Singleness is not a disease. We begin life by being single for eighteen plus years? Some marry, a spouse dies or we divorce and we are single again. Singleness is ok. Staying single as an adult requires a gift "charisma" (1 Cor. 1:7). Lineham writes, "People are only ready for marriage when they know how to be single."

Feelings that can lead to the misuse of sex

Feeling lonely may lead to self-pity and seeking to fill that void through an illicit relationship. Feeling less than a complete person, a crisis of self-identity, can open the door to wrong relationships. The desire to be touched, embraced, wanted, appreciated, understood may lead to harmful decisions. Lust says, "If you love me, let me have sex with you." Fear says, "I might lose him/her if I don't give in." The longing for: intimacy, communion, for someone to love us unconditionally, for someone to know us completely cannot be achieved through the sexual act in and of itself. Sex is more than just a physical act (Prov. 6:26-29, 1 Cor. 6:13-20). Illicit sex does not bring love but death (read Prov. 7:21-23, 25; 2 Sam. 13:15). The Bible warns about those who dress to flout their sexuality (Prov. 7:10-18). Time magazine reports: "When sex is pursued only for pleasure, only for gain, or to fill a void in society, or in the soul, it becomes illusive, impersonal and ultimately disappointing."

Four myths about sex

- myth 1 "the sexual act is the only way to express love"
- myth 2 "sexual expression is the only way to know true fulfillment"
- myth 3 "sexual liberation means the Bible has no positive view of sex"
- myth 4 "God's instructions about sex can be ignored"

Sex belongs exclusively to marriage

Sex belongs to and is reserved for marriage (Proverbs 5:1-23; 6:20-7:27; Hebrews 13:4). Walter Trobisch writes: "love does not grow out of sex. Love will grow into sex. Sex within marriage, under the shelter of the tent, strengthens a marriage. Sex outside the tent does not bring love but is pursued for other reasons."

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