

#118 WHY NO SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE?

Q: I want to have a close relationship with the Lord, but I don't want to have to give up sex with my boyfriend/girlfriend. Why does God make a rule that would take away from the enjoyment of our relationship?

A: Sexual sin devalues God's gift of the sexual union and violates God's purpose.

GENESIS 2:18, 22-25 "And the Lord God said, It is not good that that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet (suitable) for him. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

A: God gave the sexual union as a gift to bring a man and a woman together as one, to completely fulfill one another by means of the physical union, which is a spiritual union that cannot be broken without tragic consequences to the soul of both.

Q: Our relationship is beautiful, but we are not ready to be married, so how could there be any consequences? I'm on birth control, and there is no divorce to worry about so how would anyone be getting hurt?

MARK 10:8,9 "And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

A: When two people have sex without being married, the emotional consequence of breaking up is the same as a divorce.

Q: How do we know if we are even be right for each other? Shouldn't we make sure we are sexually compatible before marriage, to ensure that we will have a good marriage?

GENESIS 3:16 "Unto the woman he said: ...thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

A: There are serious long-term psychological consequences to pay when you have sexual relationship without honoring one another in the life-long commitment of marriage. Having sexual relationship without the Holy commitment of marriage, is selling yourself cheaply into an unbalanced bondage relationship and mocking God's covenant. God says a woman's heart will belong to the man she gives herself to and he will rule over her. God wants you to protect your heart.

PROVERBS 4:23 "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

A: It is wrong for a man to rule over a woman's heart without taking responsibility to be her husband, honoring, cherishing, and laying down his life in covenant commitment that is deserving of her heart given to him.

EPHESIANS 5:25-29 "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no one ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church."

A: God's design is for marriage to be a picture of His marriage to His church.

1 CORINTHIANS 6: 18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

A: When a sexual relationship ends, it is like separating two pieces of paper once glued together. No matter how nicely you try to pull them apart, part of each is still stuck to the other after it is ripped away, and a little of each of you dies.

EZEKIEL 18:4 "...the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

A: When you join your body to one who is not your spouse, it is not just a physical act but also a defiling spiritual act, for you are giving part of yourself away, and receiving them into your temple. Pieces of you are torn off and left behind with every person who violated you; leaving you with open wounds; fragmented, empty, and searching for love to fill the void. Without marriage, the devaluing of both persons is inevitable.

ISAIAH 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

A: Worst of all, your continued sin closes the door between yourself and a Holy God, who longs to have close intimate fellowship with you.

REVELATION 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

A: By willfully continuing in sin, you shut out your first love, devaluing God's love for you, devalue the beauty of who He created you to be, and miss out on His beautiful purpose and plan for your life.

JEREMIAH 29:11-13 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

A: God wants you to love Him and seek Him with your whole heart. Sin causes you to shrink back from God so that most of your time in prayer is spent in the endless cycle of asking forgiveness and starting all over. This kind of prayer life is powerless and frustrating, with prayers left unasked and unanswered, and no real relationship with the one who loves you most.

PROVERBS 15:29 "The Lord is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous."

Q: I do want God to hear my prayers. I want to experience the joy in Jesus that I have seen others have. How do I find it?

PSALM 25:14 "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant."

Q: I want to find the path of life and joy that the Bible talks about, but I don't know how to start, what if I am not good enough?

JOHN 8:11-12 "....And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. ¹² Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

A: Jesus is the same today as He was in the Bible, and He speaks to you through His word, telling you simply to sin no more, and walk with Him in the light of His presence.

A: You must choose, to either leave behind the loss of respect and slow spiritual death that comes with the path you have chosen, or choose to honor God's plans for you, to follow His path and find fullness of joy.

PSALM 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Each one of us has to start the first step with the light He gives, and then He gives us more and more light to find our way.

1 JOHN 1:7,9 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

PRAYER: Dear Father, Thank you for becoming a man, in the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for my sins. I pray You will forgive me for sinning against You, and against myself, and for not giving value to Your life in me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me power to live my life for You. Thank you for Your wonderful plan for my life. Help me to find the joy of Your presence as I walk with You each day, and bring You glory in all my ways, **in Jesus name, Amen.**

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