

THE OUTLINE

PART 3

THE FOUNDATION: DEVELOPING A HEALTHY SEXUALITY

“A Theology of Healthy Sexuality”

God created sex.

Genesis 2:18-25

He sees it as VERY good.

Genesis 1:26-31

Adultery

“You shall not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14

Fornication

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality.” I Thessalonians 4:3

One Flesh

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So, they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate.” Matthew 19:4-6

Sexual Purity

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside of their body, but he or she who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.” I Corinthians 6:18-20

PERSONAL & GROUP REFLECTION

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think of the concept of developing a “Theology of Healthy Sexuality”?
2. What are your thoughts about presenting healthy sexuality in a positive light (God created sex and He sees it as very good in the context of marriage) instead of in a more negative approach?
3. Jim used a Greek word, *pornea*, to talk about sexual immorality as well as the old English word, *fornication*. What do you see as the benefits of your children not carrying more baggage from previous relationships into an eventual marriage?
4. Jim mentioned that when Jesus talked about a man and woman being “united” they were bonded to be one flesh. How does this scripture relate to today’s “hook up culture” where casual sexual relationships seem to be much more accepted?
5. The concept of your “body being a temple of the Holy Spirit” is a beautiful way of relating to the opposite sex. What does this view seem to do with the issue of learning about radically respecting the opposite sex?