

Identity: Made in His Image - Sexuality

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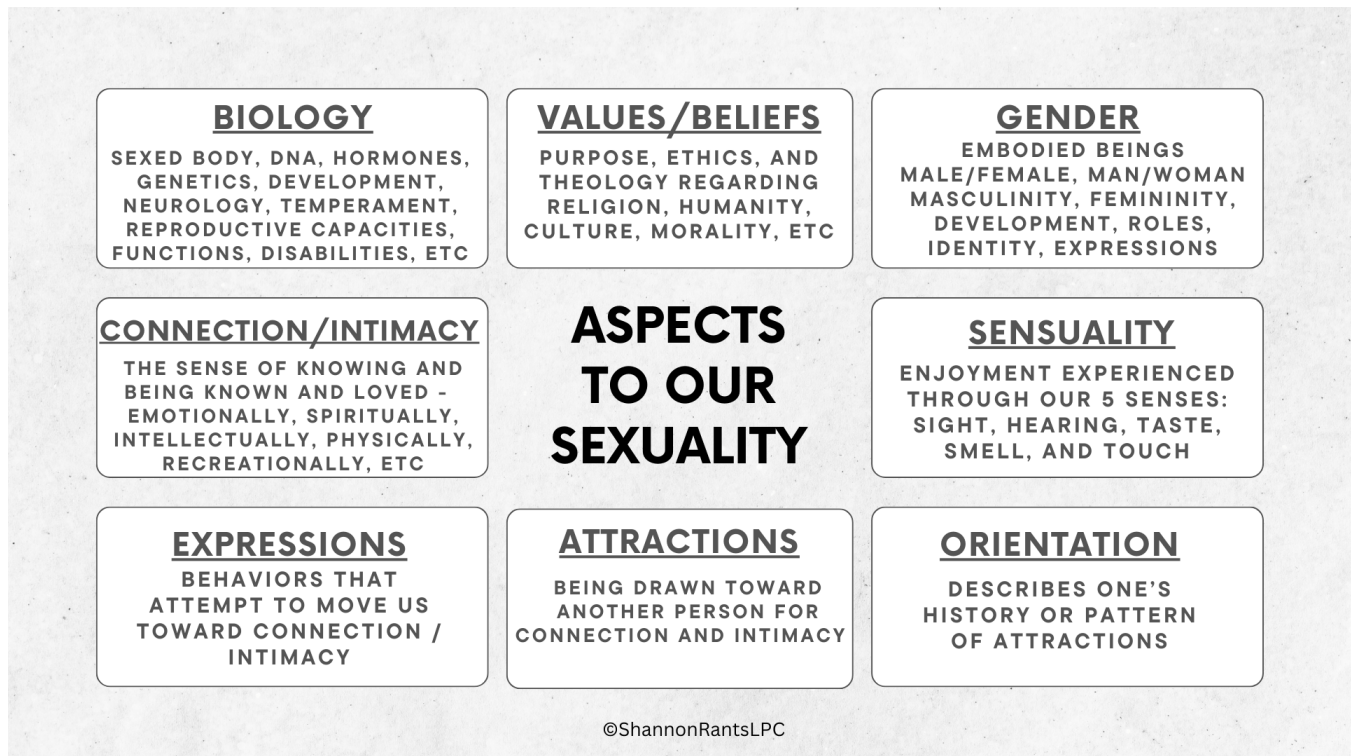
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I - Recap our foundation from Genesis 1, 2, and 3

- A. God is our Creator and humans are made to reflect God's Image
- B. Gender recognizes two distinctly different embodied souls, Male or Female
- C. "One Flesh" is the biblical term for Marriage, designed to be between one man and one woman. Differently sexed bodies are an intrinsic and purposeful part of marriage.
- D. The consequences of sin negatively influences our essence as Men and Women
- E. Jesus affirms this design and ethic in Mark 10 and in Matthew 19 when he quotes Genesis 1 and 2.

II - Cultivating a greater vision for your sexuality

- A. Two meaningful ways to Image God as Men and Women: Singleness and Marriage
- B. Biblical purposes for our sexuality:
 - 1. To reflect God's character by living out different expressions of love: I John 4:16
 - 2. To cultivate relational intimacy: to know and be known: 2 Cor. 13:11-12,14
 - 3. To bond with the potential to procreate within a marriage covenant: Genesis 2
- C. Different aspects to our sexuality:



III - Cultural Implications

- A. Expand our community life that honors those who are single: John 15:12-13
- B. Challenges that come from body detachment
- C. What are you thirsty for? John 4:1-26
- D. Stewarding our embodied souls with sexual integrity: I Corinthians 6:18-20