

ALL ABOUT SEX

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1) God _____ when we follow His plan.

Genesis 2:24 (NLT) (24) This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Proverbs 5:15–19 (NLT) (15) Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife. (16) Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? (17) You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers. (18) Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. (19) She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.

1 Corinthians 7:1–5 (NLT) (1) Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to abstain from sexual relations. (2) But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. (3) The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. (4) The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. (5) **Do not deprive each other of sexual relations**, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

GOD VIEWS SEX AS A GOOD THING. HE IS NOT AGAINST US HAVING SEX!

2) God's design for sex is about more than us simply _____.

1 Corinthians 6:12–20 (NLT) (12) You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything. (13) You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. (14) And God will raise us from the dead by his power, just as he raised our Lord from the dead. (15) Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! (16) And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one." (17) But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. (18) Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. (19) Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, (20) for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

HAVING SEX WITH YOUR SPOUSE SHOULD BE AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR LOVE FOR THEM—NOT SIMPLY SOMETHING YOU DO FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL PLEASURE.

3) **Any sexual act _____ and we should run from it.**

1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT) (18) Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NLT) (9) Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, (10) or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Romans 13:13–14 (NLT) (13) Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. (14) Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

Ephesians 5:3 (NLT) (3) Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.

Colossians 3:5 (NLT) (5) So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NLT) (3) God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

Biblical Examples:

4) **Sexual sins generally result in _____ than other sins.**

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GOD'S GUIDELINES REGARDING SEX ARE NOT TO KEEP US FROM SOMETHING GOOD. GOD'S GUIDELINES FOR SEX ARE FOR OUR GOOD TO HELP PROTECT US FROM EXPERIENCING HEARTACHE AND THINGS THAT ARE BAD.

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