

An Exciting Gift

Fulton J. Sheen said, “Sex has become one of the most discussed subjects of modern times. The Victorians pretended it did not exist; the moderns pretend that nothing else exists.” From beginning to end, the Bible teaches that God created sex as an exciting gift and that He intended that gift to be enjoyed only in marriage.

God created sex.

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. . . . 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:22-25)

My beloved is mine and I am his; he browses among the lilies. 17 Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the rugged hills. (Song 2:16-17)

I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk. Eat, friends, and drink; drink your fill of love. (Song 5:1)

He intended it for marriage.

Each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife’s body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. 5 Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (Hebrews 13:4)

*We do not recommend having **THE TALK** with your kids.* A godly, healthy view of sexuality comes from *many* talks, a commitment to listen, and your own consistent example of sexual purity. And you can’t start too early! Our young children who go to school, watch TV, and spend time on the internet can hear and see several sexual situations every day. Take intentional, practical steps to protect them as much as you can, but start talking with them in age-appropriate ways about God’s beautiful gift of sex—and why He calls us to sexual purity.

Beware of Greener Grass
the TEN series

No Cheating

Nothing shatters a marriage and children more than infidelity. Nothing.

1. Say the Ten Commandments together as a group. Can you do it from memory? If you need to, use your TEN bookmark or Bible (Exodus 20:1-17).
2. Remember that the first four Commandments focus on our relationship with God and the last six Commandments address our relationships with one another. What one word would you use to summarize each of the last six commandments?

HOME *Honor your father and mother* (Exodus 20:12).

_____ *You shall not murder* (20:13).

_____ *You shall not commit adultery* (20:14).

_____ *You shall not steal* (20:15).

_____ *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor* (20:16).

_____ *You shall not covet . . . anything that belongs to your neighbor* (20:17).

3. Which of the last six Commandments does everyone pretty much agree on? Which ones do a lot of people disagree on? Why do you think that is?

4. How would you advise a friend who's unhappy in their marriage and dangerously close to committing adultery? These verses will help you:

- Genesis 39:6-10—
- Proverbs 5:15-23—
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8—
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-5—

5. What steps should you take *as a group* if you realize someone in the group is struggling with pornography or flirting with an emotional attachment with someone of the opposite sex?
6. What can we do practically to keep ourselves from temptations like that? How can we help each other? Note everything you have found helpful to you.

You shall not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14