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About sex - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/7/14 15:31

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gods peace to you
christian

Re: About sex - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2006/7/14 16:09

Quote:
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I think that was Oscar Wilde that promoted that idea and he was a bisexual and amoral so i dont think we should follow his lead.

matt and mim

Re: About sex - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/7/14 16:10

I went through all this and all I can say brother is that if you have to ask about it here then most likely the Spirit has already convicted you about something that needs to go. The Lord cares for you and he cares about every area of your l ife. Just obey and walk with a clear conscience. Here is something that you might want to listen to:

(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid4252>) A Clear Conscience by Zac Poonen

In Christ,

Ron

Re: About sex - posted by One_Faith (), on: 2006/7/16 7:56

I think,that only Lord can answer on that question,about sex.

Re: About sex, on: 2006/7/16 14:07

Stever responds to Christian:

What kind of sex should Chritian believers have with their beloved wives?

Websters 1828 Dictionary tells us that the believers marriage bed is "undefiled":

"MAR'RIAGE, n. The act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life. M arriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, ti ll death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous inter course of the sexes, for promoting domestic felicity,and for securing the maintenance and education of children.

Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled. Heb.13.

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Frequent drug users are losers with messed up lives constantly shooting themselves in the foot. Eventual loss of family, wealth, jobs, friends and life itself. Drug users are associated with biker gangs, going to bars, immoral sexual activity, illegal activity. Successful people do not use drugs. Take a look at the people who use drugs and line them up with people who do not... big difference! Look at the lives of 5 people you know who use drugs. Generally they have many chums, but few close friends, high rate of changing jobs and are often unemployed, are absentee parents who party all night while their teens are left home unsupervised, are irrational in their logic and thinking pattern being plagued with poor judgement. They have many sexual partners, are often unfaithful to their spouses and are violent and irrational with their children. They tend to be selfish and unable to exercise self control in any area of their lives. When confronted with such facts, they simply deny the truth and accuse you of being crazy, when in fact they are the crazy ones. They are hurting and unhappy but they don't know why... just as the Bible says:

Proverbs 4:18 perfectly describes the difference between drug users and Christians who do not: "But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know over what they stumble."

Drug use is outright condemned in the Bible: Gal 5:20.

If you were to draw a chart with the effects of one to 7 beers, where will the drunkenness start? The law (where I live) is 2 beers in one hour exceeds .08. Then extend the chart to the right for other drugs. Since drunkenness from alcohol is condemned in the Bible (Gal 5:21) I offer the following: Society has determined that drunkenness is .08 blood alcohol content, compare the same kind of impairment by various drugs. If two beers is .08, what about a single joint, a hit of ecstasy, a single mushroom, a single snort of coke. While you can drink one beer and not be DRUNK, one "dose" (the smallest portion) of a drug puts you way over the impairment of .08. So while some might argue that it is ok for one beer, no such argument can be made for drugs.

Notice that any drug use exceeds the line of drunkenness of the Bible!

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In conclusion, the Christian believer should approach sex the same way the Bible teaches the believer to take care of his own body. Also, the believer should refrain from all of the sexual perversions mentioned in the Bible.

God bless,

Stever :-D

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Re: About sex - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/7/16 19:01

Oral sex is gross, unnatural and demeaning to women. God did not plan for people to engage in such gross behaviors.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/7/16 19:10

I am sure there are many sickly perversions being committed within marriages. If we are watching and copying the ways of the world we are being like the world, those that are being condemned and going to Hell if they do not repent. We need to be pure, undefiled, set apart. May God speak purity into many marriages and marriage beds.

Surely this union between marriage couples can become an idol. The idea of people getting married within a Christian context even just to have sex is perverse and wrong. We should get married on the basis to want to serve and follow God together and glorify Him.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/7/16 19:13

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come,...." - **2 Timothy 3:1**

"...lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." - **2 Timothy 3:4**

Re: How Sex Points Us to God - posted by freedbyjc (), on: 2006/7/17 12:26

How Sex Points Us to God

Believe it or not, making love with your spouse is a spiritual—exercise. As well as a physical—exercise.
By Gary Thomas

I was in junior high, walking toward a group of buddies, when my best friend came out of the circle and stopped me.

"No," he said. "You don't want this."

"What are you talking about?" I asked, hurt that this guy, of all people, would spurn me.

I learned that my friend was keeping me from a book that was making the rounds. It had something to do with sex—complete with pictures—and the dog-eared corners attested to its being quickly stashed under mattresses in numerous adolescent occupied homes.

Most of us are introduced to sex in shameful ways. The viewing of "dirty" books or the experience of sexual abuse at the hands of an older person often usher us prematurely into the world of sexual knowledge. The natural result is that most of us have to overcome deep-seated anxieties about sex. Many Christians don't see sex as a gift for which to be thankful, but as a guilt-ridden burden to be borne. And naturally, anything so intimately connected with guilt is difficult to view as a ladder to the holy.

Yet most married Christians know that sexual intimacy can produce moments of sheer transcendence—brief, sunset-like glimpses of eternity. On the underside of ecstasy we catch the shadow of a profound spiritual truth: Sex turns us toward God.

Christian spirituality serves us in at least three ways regarding sex: It teaches us the goodness of sex while reminding us that there are things more important. It allows us to experience pleasure without making pleasure the idol of our existence. It teaches us that sex can certainly season our lives but also reminds us that sex will never fully nourish our souls.

It might sound shocking, but it's true: God doesn't avert his eyes when a married couple goes to bed. It stands to reason, then, that we shouldn't turn our eyes from God when we share intimate moments with our spouse.

Spiritually meaningful sex

To appreciate how sex points us to God, it may help to understand how the ancient Jews viewed sex. The Holy Letter (written by Nahmanides in the thirteenth century) sees sex as a mystical experience of meeting with God: "Through the act they become partners with God in the act of creation. This is the mystery of what the sages said, 'When a man unites with his wife in holiness, the Shekinah is between them in the mystery of man and woman.'" The breadth of this statement is sobering when you consider that this shekinah glory is the same presence Moses experienced when God met with him face-to-face (Exodus 24:15-18).

To use our sexuality as a spiritual discipline—to integrate our faith and flesh, so to speak—it's imperative that we understand this: God made flesh, and with it, some amazing sensations.

While the male sexual organ has multiple functions, the female clitoris has just one—sexual pleasure. By design, God created a bodily organ that has no other purpose than to provide women with sexual ecstasy. This was God's idea. And God called every bit of his creation "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

Betsy Ricucci has approached this issue from a feminine perspective: "Within the context of covenant love and mutual service, intimacy should be exhilarating (Proverbs 5:19, NASB)... Believe it or not, we glorify God by cultivating a sexual desire for our husbands and by welcoming their sexual desire for us."

Here are six ways we glorify God through pursuing intimacy with our spouse.

1. Replace guilt with gratitude

In his book *Music Through the Eyes of Faith*, Harold Best tells the true story of a young man who became heavily involved in a satanic cult that developed an elaborate liturgy focusing on the compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The young man later became a Christian and started attending worship services. Everything went well until the church organist belted out a piece composed by Bach. The young believer was overcome by fear and fled the sanctuary.

Best writes that Bach's work "represents some of the noblest music for Christian worship. To this young man, however, it epitomized all that was evil, horrible, and anti-Christian."

Sex is that way for some Christians. Past associations and guilt feelings have created severe spiritual roadblocks. Christians try hard not to believe that sex is inherently evil, but because of previous negative experiences, for many it certainly feels evil.

Sex cannot pay spiritual dividends if its currency is shrouded in unfounded guilt. Gratitude to God for this amazing experience is essential.

It took me awhile to realize I was inadvertently insulting God by my hesitation to accept the holiness of sex. What kind of God am I imagining if I can allow pain—such as fasting—but not pleasure to reveal God's presence in my life? Instead of being suspicious of pleasure and the physical and spiritual intimacy that comes from being with my wife, I need to adopt an attitude of profound gratefulness and awe.

If guilt rather than gratitude casts a shadow over your experience of sex, practice thanking God for what sex involves. For instance, a woman could pray, quite explicitly—but in all holiness—"God, thank you that it feels enticing when my husband caresses my breasts." Couples can even pray together, thanking God for the pleasure surrounding marital consummation. This simple thanksgiving can sanctify an act that all-too-many Christians divorce from their spiritual life.

2. View your spouse as more than a lover

While physical pleasure is good and acceptable, sex also speaks of spiritual realities far more profound.

When the apostle Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19), the significance of sex takes on an entirely new meaning. What a woman is allowing inside her, what a man is willingly entering—in a Christian marriage, these are sanctified bodies in which God is present through his Holy Spirit.

If Paul tells us that a man is not to join himself to a prostitute because his body is a holy temple—that is, if we are to use such imagery to avoid sinning—can a Christian not use the same imagery to be drawn into God's presence in a unique way as he joins his body with his wife? Isn't he somehow entering God's temple—knocking on the door of shekinah glory? And isn't this a tacit encouragement to perhaps even think about God as your body is joined with your spouse? The deeply physical and fleshly experience of sex can be enjoyed without guilt, but there is an even deeper spiritual fulfillment when a man and woman engage in sexual relations. Don't reduce sex to either a physical or spiritual experience. It is both—profoundly so.

3. Reconcile the power of sex

Sex is not a physical need in the same way that food is. But it is certainly a physiological drive. It is predictable, and it is physical as well as emotional. Most important, this physical desire—which feels like a need—that a man and woman

have for each other is there by God's design. We can use this sense of need as a way to grow as servants of each other

The truth is, without this physiological drive many couples would slowly drift apart. We are by nature selfish beings who hide from each other. Maintaining a steady pursuit toward and empathy for another human being goes against our sinful, egocentric bent. By creating a physical desire, God invites us to share, connect with, and enter the life and soul of another human being in a profound way.

4. Gaining God's view of beauty

I won't deny that one of the reasons I was first attracted to Lisa was because she looked good.

But the Christian duty of married men is to reverse this propensity and make the "role of the eye in sexuality" less important. Sight will always matter to men—that's how God wired us—but we can become mature in what we long to see.

Appetites can be cultivated. Different cultures enjoy different foods because the inhabitants have eaten such foods all their lives. My kids would wrinkle their noses at rice for breakfast; in China, children would look askew at a bowl of Cheerios.

The same principle holds true for taste in sexual desirability. Different eras appreciate different shapes in women. While today's supermodels lean toward waifishness, an old Sanskrit word (*gajagamini*) describing the then-ideal of female beauty in ancient India is literally translated "woman who has the gait of an elephant."

A godly marriage shapes our view of beauty to focus on internal qualities. Although beauty is wonderful, it isn't the only—or even the highest—value when we seek Christian marriage.

This isn't to suggest that either men or women should shun the care of their physical bodies. Keeping a good shape is a gift we can give our spouse. But so is the grace of acceptance, recognizing that age and (in the case of women) childbearing eventually reshape every body.

If my acceptance of my wife is based only on her outward appearance rather than on her inner qualities, time will slowly but surely erode my affection.

Married sexuality helps form us spiritually by shaping what we value and hold in high esteem. With God's Spirit within us, we can become enamored with the things that enamor God.

By denying myself errant appetites and by meditating and feeding on the right things—including being "captivated" by my wife's love—I train myself to desire only what is proper. This doesn't mean I can't appreciate another person's beauty. It does mean I can see without wanting to enter into a sexually or emotionally inappropriate relationship.

5. Give what you have

Do you remember the first time you saw your spouse naked? Some good friends of mine tried to "ease into it" on their wedding night. They decided to take a shower together, with the lights out.

Unfortunately, the tub began to overflow. Much to their chagrin, they were forced to turn on the lights and start mopping up in the nude. Their "twilight transition" turned into a spotlight extravaganza!

It's one thing to stand naked and relatively trim in front of your partner in your early twenties. But what about after the wife has given birth to a child (or two or three), and the husband's metabolism has slowed down, depositing "love handles" around his waist?

Continuing to give your body to your spouse even when you believe it constitutes "damage goods" can be tremendously rewarding spiritually. It engenders humility, service, and an other-centered focus, as well as hammering home a powerful spiritual principle: Give what you have.

By no means am I suggesting that it's easy to give, but I am saying it's worthwhile. It's rewarding to say, "I'm willing to give you my best, even if I don't think my best is all that great."

So many people fail to give God or others anything simply because they can't give everything. Learn to take small steps of obedience toward God—offering what you have, with all its blemishes and limitations.

6. Live with passion

>Just as love expands us, so passion can as well. A man who's passionate about his wife can be passionate about justice, about God's kingdom, about his children, about the environment. On the flip side, if he's facing serious sexual problems within his marriage, frustration and a certain despondency is liable to settle like a cloud over his work, his faith, and his friendships.

Our passions make us come alive. While we often fear our passions because they can carry us into an affair, a fight, or some other destructive behavior, the solution is not living a less passionate life but finding the right things to be passionate about.

That's what marriage teaches us to do. Some people make the mistake of believing that because they've been burned by their passions and their sexual hunger, the antidote is to completely cut it off. They do to sex what an anorexic does to food: "I don't want to overeat and become fat, so I won't eat at all." This isn't a healthy attitude.

The healthy life is a life of saying yes and no. I travel a lot, so there are many times when my wife and I must fast from sexual expression. Couples with younger kids, particularly babies, soon learn that they can no longer express themselves sexually whenever they get the inclination. At other seasons, our spouse may be ill or worn-out, and it would be unkind to place sexual expectations on her. In such situations, sexual fasting is appropriate and necessary. But times of "feasting" are also necessary. In fact, every "no" we say to sex should be placed in the context of a corresponding "yes."

Abstinence isn't a dead end; it's a long on-ramp. My denial of sexual expression when I'm apart from my wife is empowered by what the future holds when I get home. I'm not saying no, but rather, wait, channeling desire into the proper place.

I don't want to over-spiritualize this. We don't always have to think "spiritual" thoughts when we're enjoying sex. Passion calls us to enter fully into life. Passion is at the heart of the Sabbath commandment, which has two sides: Work hard, then rest well. Both are necessary for a meaningful life. At times, sex will have distinctly spiritual overtones; at other times, it will be a celebration of physical pleasure. Both are holy within marriage.

It may take some couples many months to be comfortable viewing their sexual intimacy as a form of spiritual expression, faith, and maturity. Unfortunately, while Christians should be leading the way in this regard, adherents of other faiths have preceded us. There are numerous books today that seek to integrate Eastern philosophy and Tantric spirituality with sexuality, but in most cases these books use spirituality to heighten physical sensations. We're suggesting precisely the opposite—that the physical sensations can heighten our spiritual sensitivities.

The Christian worldview doesn't disparage the physical; it embraces it. But in doing so, it reminds us that there are higher values than physical pleasure—that this world is passing away, and true joy and fulfillment can be found only in a relationship with God and in holy fellowship with his children.

To embrace fully marital sexuality and all that God designed it for, couples must bring their Christianity into bed and break down the wall between their physical and spiritual intimacy.

Sex is about physical touch, to be sure, but it's about far more than physical touch. It's about what's going on inside us. Developing a fulfilling sex life means I concern myself more with bringing generosity and service to bed than with bringing a washboard abdomen. It means I see my wife as a holy temple of God, not just as a tantalizing human body. It even means that sex becomes a form of physical prayer—a picture of a heavenly intimacy that rivals the shekinah glory of old.

Our God, who is spirit (John 4:24), can be found behind the very physical panting, sweating, and pleasurable entangling of limbs and body parts. He doesn't turn away.

He wants us to run into sex, but to do so with his presence, priorities, and virtues marking our pursuit. If we experience sex in this way, we'll be transformed in the marriage bed every bit as much as we're transformed on our knees in prayer.

Garty Thomas Adapted from *Sacred Marriage*

Here is another place for biblical resource on your question...

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(<http://www.christianitytoday.com/marriage/features/realsex.html>) Christianity Today-Marriage Partnership- Real Sex

And ginnyrose, Dear One read on about ... (<http://www.christianitytoday.com/mp/7m2/7m2055.html>) Oral Sex
Also many recently published marriage development resourses (*A Covenant Marriage* by Gary Chapman is the one I used for a wedding gift to a good friend recently) use exerpts from the Song of Songs to indicate that it is not **denied** to a mutually consenting married couple.

Re:, on: 2006/7/19 6:37

I think that if the Bible doesnt directly address an issue, then it is between the person and the Lord. Oral sex for example . No where is oral sex condemned in the Bible... tho some try and lump it under sodomy. GinnyRose considers it gross, but some women do not. That doesnt make GinnyRose wrong, but it also doesnt make the act "ungodly". We have to be very careful not to make our personal preferences a Law when scripture is silent.

And we shouldnt be naive and think that oral sex hasnt been around since the beginning of time.

There are certain sexual acts that scripture does forbid. Sodomy for one, and it should be obvious to everyone why. If for no other reason... it simply isnt healthy.

A couple should communicate about sex, and seek God's advice and leading about anything they are not sure of. If ther e is any question in either partners mind as to whether or not a particular act is sinful, then they shouldnt do it. If they do then they sin against their own conscience. This goes back to what Paul had to say about liberty and eating certain meat s.

A lot of problems could also be avoided with good sound counseling BEFORE marriage.

Krispy

Re: - posted by freedbyjc (), on: 2006/7/19 8:11

So true, Krispy. As you said, communication is the key to any relationship-horizontal or vertical.

The three days of required counselling before marriage is not sufficient in many cases as it only scratches the outside o f many issues that need to be delved into deeply to ensure firm lines of communication exist.

Re: About sex, on: 2006/7/19 8:19

KrispyKrittr said:

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I think you'll find that this is a legal definition, and consent between participating adults doesn't make it 'right' in God's ey es.

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It isn't healthy for more than one reason, the transmission of diseases being only *one* contra reason. The alimentary tra ct, which stretches from the mouth to the anus, was not designed for penetration by the male genital organ. And the fem ale genital tract was not designed for penetration by anything other.

I believe God made man and woman in His own image, and love-making has very specific boundaries, which reflect Go d's holiness and purity. Also, we have to remember Christ as the Bridegroom when asking some of these questions - an d then ask ourselves if the answers are not obvious?

Re:, on: 2006/7/19 8:43

One thing I don't want to do is get into a prolonged discussion about this. However, abortion is legal in this country, and as such I do not put much stock in man's laws... those who make them... and what their definitions are, legal or otherwise. We are commanded to pray for our leaders and respect them, but we're not commanded to trust them or go along with them when they assume to usurp God's Law's.

Also, in regards to the second part of your post, there are no known physical health risks associated with oral sex between a husband and wife who practice good hygiene and do not have any diseases. That's a fact.

Now, as to whether a Christian married couple can practice it... again, I say it is completely between them and God.

Krispy

Re: About sex, on: 2006/7/19 11:16

Krispy,

It's not just about physical health. It's about spiritual, psychological and emotional health, and a clear conscience before God, who represents HIMSELF in the human union, as HE designed it to be.

Re:, on: 2006/7/19 12:47

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I agree... but you must understand that some people can do exactly that... even if some can not.

Some people can't partake of any alcohol at all and stand before God with a clear conscience, and some people can. Paul covered all this when he talked about eating certain kinds of meat.

It also has to do with Christian liberty.

Krispy

Re: About sex - posted by beenblake (), on: 2006/7/19 14:08

Dear Christian,

I wish I could answer your question forthright, providing all the "cans" and "cannots." I also wish I could provide you with a definitive answer, but alas I have a myriad of questions about sex just as you.

I am a person who lived in the world for a great many years before coming to Christ, during a time when I indulged in all sorts of sexual pleasures. Upon coming to Christ, I thought sex would be even greater. For me, it was a spiritual experience, and I was under the assumption that if we held to God's law of saving sex for marriage, He would surely bless us. Such was not the case.

I have been sadly disappointed by the inadequacies of the flesh. After I was born again, I waited until marriage to have sex. When that night finally came, I had high hopes and expectations, especially since this woman was the one chosen for me by God. However, that night was a huge disappointment.

I have read several books on Christianity and sex, and some state that sex is spiritual. Alas, my experience is not so. Sex is truly a thing of the flesh. In Matthew 22:30, Jesus is quoted as saying, "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." If we will not be married in the resurrection, then will we have sex? Obviously not, for God said that we should not have sex outside of marriage. And so, if we will not be having sex in the resurrection, then how could sex possibly be spiritual? If it were, would we not be actively having sex in our new spiritual

bodies?

Sex is not spiritual. Sex is of the flesh.

With that said, it must be understood that it is a need of the flesh just like eating or breathing is a need of the flesh. It is something the flesh needs satisfied. For sex, this need is activated by its first experience. Which is why fornication is such a terrible against the body, for if we have sex just once, then we need it. Without a spouse, how should that need ever be met?

Paul understood this need. That is why he said we should not deny our spouse sex. If we are poor sexually, we will begin to hunger, and this may lead us to sin.

This is not to say or suggest that sex is evil or wicked. The flesh is not evil or wicked. However, if we give ourselves over to the flesh, allowing the body to become our Lord, then we are falling into sin. Sex can become a tool used for sin even in marriage.

With that said, consider the scriptures where Paul speaks about the body. I will not list them all, for it would lead to a long post. One that comes to mind is in 1 Cor 6, where Paul speaks about the body being a temple unto the Lord. It is a place of worship. Also, I reminded of the discussion Paul gave concerning vegetarianism where He said explained that we should respect the consciousness of other believers. (Romans 14)

Truly, I believe you should pray over the matter, and lay it the feet of Christ as an offering. I would say, "I will do as you tell me my Lord." And then, do just that.

This leads me to the next thing that has come to mind. You said, "but where is the line to be drawn?"

This, I believe is a dangerous thought. My words might come on strong, but it is in love. I have some things for you to consider. Please know, they are meant to help.

Christ died to set us free from sin. While we are sinners, we live under the law. Our thinking is as this...."What can I get a way with? What are my limits?" Truly, the sinner wants to know every extent of the law, so they know exactly what they can or cannot do. Why?

It is the condition of the heart. A heart filled with sin wants to sin. The desire of the heart is toward sin. The heart wants to commit fornication or adultery. However, the person knows that if they do sin, they will face punishment. And so, the person wants to know all the limitations. They want to know exactly how many beers they can drink so that they can drink to the limit. You will also find that such people treat the bible as a book of law saying, "The bible says we can do this but not that." They obey the bible as a book of law.

A heart filled with Christ is free from the law. A heart filled with Christ wants to offer everything to Christ. Such a heart is filled with love. Love seeks to give freely without being commanded. If you love Jesus, you will naturally follow His commands. As such, a heart filled with Christ does not ask "what are my limitations?" Rather, a heart filled with Christ says, "Yes Lord. I will do anything for you." It seeks after Christ. It treasures Christ. It says, "I love you Lord, and I will do whatever you say, even if it means I might suffer."

When a person lives under Christ, they do not worry about limitations. There are no limitations. There are no laws. There is only a desire to serve Christ and give everything to Jesus. And when this happens, Christ comes and dwells in that person. They then uphold the law naturally, without trying to obey. Christ lives in them, and Christ controls them.

When Christ is in control, a person does not ask, "What can I do and what can I not do?" Rather, that person is controlled by Christ. They just do fully knowing Christ is in control. Their inward nature has changed. They don't have a desire to sin (although they may on occasion.)

When we live by "what can I do and cannot do", then we are living by laws. If God wanted us to obey laws, then He would have outlined everything in the bible down to the last letter. We would know exactly how many ounces of wine is too much, and whether or not gambling is a sin. However, we live in Christ. In order to live in Christ, we continually give ourselves to Him. We take up our cross daily and sacrifice everything to Christ, so that Christ may control us. We may fall into sin, but this is a moment where we turn to Christ. We learn and grow.

In order to live such a life where we are completely controlled by Christ, we must live a life of continual prayer. This means praying 24/7. Now, you might say, "If I do that, then I will never do anything else." Indeed, there are specific moments when we block out the world around only to share in communion with the Lord. However, praying 24/7 involves acknowledging the Lord in everything we do.

Where ever you are or whatever you do, acknowledge the presence of the Lord. If a person is born again, Christ is always there, whether you acknowledge him or not. However, when you acknowledge Him in every area of your life, you are giving Him worship. You are giving yourself to Him. When you give yourself to Christ, He can work in you.

John 15:4 (NAS)

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me."

And so, in regards to this sex thing....it is truly between you, your spouse, and the Lord.

I hope this helps,

In love,
Blake

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2006/7/19 15:35

Brothers and Sisters,

At the risk of drawing heat on myself, I really don't think this topic is suitable for an open forum. Not that sex isn't important in the life of a Christian, or that Satan can not infiltrate this realm; it's just that I believe it's unwise to discuss various forms of sex (oral or otherwise) in here. If a Christian is having issues in this area, he and his wife need to privately consult a pastor or an individual he specifically trusts and who is wise in the Lord (or PM someone he can confide in).

Paul did not go into detail about sex between married couples in his epistles. He only said that the bed is undefiled. Maybe I'm wrong, but if Jesse Morrell cannot mention "bikini" without drawing controversy, I don't think I should see references to "oral sex" and sodomy on here either (in this specific context). It immediately conjures up images I would rather not engage in.

Also, I think it's foolish for Christian brothers to discuss this stuff with Christian females. This should be done in private, male to male - female to female. I understand that this topic is VERY important in the Body, and there have been some excellent series done on it. "Marriage on the Rock" is one of them. I just think this setting is unwise as it can foster temptation in the minds of some of us.

I understand this will be met with strong disagreement. But I am also a voice in the Body, and I believe I have the mind of Christ on this.

God bless you all!

Brother Paul

Who is driving the car - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2006/7/19 15:59

Hi all,

having wrestled with this a bit, I found some light in this passage of scripture: It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; 6and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. 1 Thess 4:3-6 NIV

The KJV adds a bit more light as to what he was talking about. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

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5Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:6That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. My reading of this has been that sure passion is great in marriage but there is a line that needs to be drawn as to what drives you to do what you do.

I have concluded that Paul was saying is that the 'vessel' that he was talking about is a wife. The line 'lust of concupiscence' from the concordances paints a picture of being driven by a desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust. So in my personal experience I have applied this scripture as a litmus test in my relationship with my wife.

There are other questions that can be raised, like why would what you do be a stumbling block, because how would they know anyway:EEK:, but anyhow, this has helped me 'draw the line' 8-)

In total agreement with Paul - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/7/19 16:23

It is a very slippery subject, and in a forum of both males and females, can be damaging.

Re: Jesus Loves Purity - posted by npautsky (), on: 2006/7/20 0:52

Must say this-

The above mentioned acts originate in homosexuality and are unclean, impure and damning. Period. Anyone involved in this stuff should repent and seek God for a clean heart, then set back and watch as the spirit of lust and confusion go out of your life. A person will never ever know real peace with this type of activity in their life.

Ephesians 5:3-12

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/7/20 1:35

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-----At the risk of drawing heat on myself, I really don't think this topic is suitable for an open forum.

I agree and this forum is being **locked**. I would ask that people not discuss this issue on the sermonindex forums and rather do private research or discuss it on other forums. Much appreciated.