

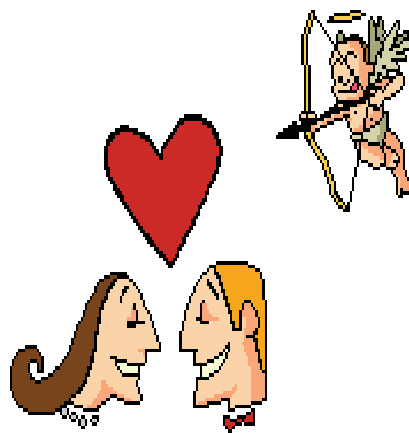


V. God's Design For Marital Union

A Biblical & Theological View of Sexual Relationships in the Christian Marriage

Introductory Concerns

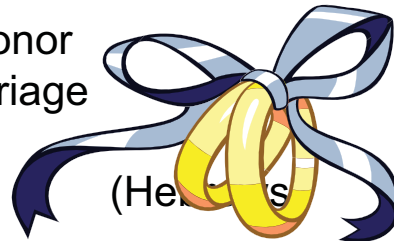
1. Victorian approach to union in marriage: Sex is sin! It's a nasty subject, dirty topic. Don't talk about it.
2. Postmodern liberated view: Sex is the highest of human relationships. It is what makes a good marriage.



A. The Biblical View

1. Sex and marriage is pure and holy.

- ❑ Genesis 1:27, 31
- ❑ God called it not just good, but “very good.”
- ❑ “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled...”
13:4)



A. The Biblical View

2. Sex is not the basis of marriage, and marriage is not a sexual relationship.

- ❑ Sex is a very important part of marriage.
 - ❑ Not to participate wholeheartedly, aggressively and passionately is sin against God, spouse and self.
 - ❑ But sex does not equal marriage, John 4:17-18.
 - ❑ Unity in marriage is much more than sex.
 - ❑ Marriage success is more than sexual success.
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A. The Biblical View

3. Sex has as a primary goal of satisfying your mate.

- ❑ 1 Corinthians 7:3
 - ❑ The goal is not getting pleasure, not having a climax, not necessarily to conceive children...it is providing joy to your spouse.
 - ❑ Retrain your thinking from getting pleasure to giving pleasure.
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A. The Biblical View

4. God created both the husband and wife with equal ability to satisfy each other.

- ❑ 1 Corinthians 7:4
 - ❑ No one has sole power or authority. You do not have this independent of your spouse.
 - ❑ Both should be aggressive.
 - ❑ Sexual relationships are to be equal and reciprocal.
 - ❑ Ecclesiastes 9:9!
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A. The Biblical View

5. Pleasure in sex is not sinful and forbidden but it is assured and encouraged.

- ❑ Proverbs 5:18, 19
 - ❑ Satisfying your spouse is to be a deeply satisfying experience for you.
 - ❑ We are to be “ravished” or “intoxicated” (i.e. exhilarated) by them (Prov. 5:19).
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A. The Biblical View

6. Sexual relationships should be regular and continuous.

- ❑ 1 Corinthians 7:5
- ❑ Four guidelines in not having sex:
 - a. Mutual agreement
 - b. Agreed upon time
 - c. Fasting and prayer
 - d. Terminate and start again

