

Theology Refresh - Biblical Sexuality - Notes

Romans 12:1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

What does the Bible have to teach us about sexuality? Everything!

Bill Perkins, "If you think you can't fall into sexual sin, then you're godlier than David, stronger than Samson, and wiser than Solomon."

This is vital for us to be equipped and understanding God's good design and honor the Lord with our bodies. We need to grasp God's good design and the blessing it is. And also the sin it brings when we go outside of it. We need to teach our children these truths as well. We can't let the world teach and equip them.

Good theology overcomes sinful biology

1 Cor 6:9-11 - Or do you not know that the unrighteous^[b] will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And such were some of you.** But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- Sexuality is God's Good Design

Genesis 2:24-25 - Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1. The Problem

Romans 1:24-32 - ²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Hebrews 13:4 - Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

"Never before in the history of telecommunications media in the United States has so much indecent (and obscene) material been so easily accessible by so many minors in so many American homes with so few restrictions." - U.S. Department of Justice

WRONG VIEWS:

- **Sexuality is bad/dirty**

John Harvey Kellogg (Kellogg's cereal)

Augustine

- **Sexuality is everything/idol**

Nadia Bolz-Weber

The Denver Statement made by liberal theologians about sexuality - WE DENY that the only type of sexual expression that can be considered holy is between a cis-gender, heterosexual, married couple who waited to have sex until they were married.

This is wrong, sinful, unbiblical and dangerous. Actually, both of these wrong. There is a center ground.

- **It is God's Design for Marriage**

The Christian sexual ethic, according to the Scriptures, is the best way. Scripture teach that marriage and sexuality inside of it is very good Gen 1:31. God created it and commands it to be done in marriage. And the Bible shows us many different purposes for it.

1. Procreation – Gen 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. Pleasure – Proverbs 5:18-20 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

Song of Solomon and more...

3. Comfort - 2 Sam 12:24 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon.

4. Unity – Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

A one flesh, deep, intimate relationship. Creates unity between a husband and a wife.

5. As a safe guard

1 Cor 7:1-5, 9 [1](#) Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” [2](#) But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. [3](#) The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. [4](#) For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. [5](#) Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control... [9](#) But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion.

Marriage Covenant Vs Marriage Contract

Ways to Fight for God-centered Sexuality:

- Know the Gospel

1 Cor 6:18-20 - Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin^[e] a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Teach your children God's truth and the awesomeness of the gospel of Jesus

- Trust in the future promises of God

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

- Remove temptations from you

Matt 5:27-30 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

- Get Married

- Have Christian fellowship and community.

- Flee and be warned

1 Thess 4:3-8 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification:^[b] that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body^[c] in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

There is always a price. If we ever saw the end of sin, we never would do it.