



PUT GOD FIRST – LIFE GOES BEST

Part 3- Maximizing your Passions

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God Created Sex and He wants your Marital Intimacy to be Awesome!

5 Key Concepts for Maximizing your Passions

A. ITS YOUR LIFE, YOUR SEXUALITY & YOUR BUSINESS

A great sexual future in marriage is all about:

- *honoring God,
- *maintaining self-control and
- *respecting others.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

³It 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^[a] 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. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

How to best Handle your Sex Life:

1. Self-control is critical - Stop before your SEXUAL SWITCH gets turned on...
2. Don't take advantage of people - Friendship and Respect are your Keys into a Person's Heart.
3. Holiness must win over Lust - Quality Attracts Quality
4. Knowing God must make a difference - Set Your Standards in Stone – Ones that honors the LORD.

B. TAKE THE GAMBLE OUT OF YOUR SEX LIFE

- Ephesians 5:3

³But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

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¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the

Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

II Timothy 2:22

TAKING THE GAMBLE OUT – FLEE

1. Don't Gamble with STD's – Aids
2. Avoid the Risk of Emotional Baggage
3. Prevent the Haunting of Sexual Ghosts
4. Avoid Spiritual Guilt of Disobedience before God.
5. Don't Play Russian Roulette with a Baby's Life
6. Choose to Live PURE.

- Not How far can you go but how pure can you stay?
- Anything God Created Good Satan Tries to Pervert!

C. PORN DESTROYS YOUR FUTURE SEX LIFE

God Calls Us to Avoid Pornography of the Heart

Matt. 5:27,28

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Job 31:1

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl."

WINNING THE PORN BATTLE:

1. Your mental purity matters to God.
2. Garbage in garbage out. Don't feed the lust.
3. Viewing porn neuters you from great sex.
4. Porn desensitizes you from enjoying sex later.
5. Get help NOW – break the silence.

D. SAYING "NO" NOW IS A BIG "YES" LATER

Hebrews 13:4

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

Making Marital Sex the Best

1. Give an unopened gift on your wedding night

2. The More you can save until after you are married the happier you will be.

3. Faithfulness to your Mate Starts before You are Married.

Proverbs 6:24-29

Do not lust in your heart after her beauty
or let her captivate you with her eyes.

²⁶ For a prostitute can be had for a loaf of bread,
but another man's wife preys on your very life.

²⁷ Can a man scoop fire into his lap
without his clothes being burned?

²⁸ Can a man walk on hot coals
without his feet being scorched?

²⁹ So is he who sleeps with another man's wife;
no one who touches her will go unpunished.

Schizophrenic Sexual Bonding Robs You of Future Freedom.

E. SEX AS GOD INTENDED IS GOOD – REAL GOOD!

- God Calls Us to Be Captivated by Our Spouse's Sexuality.

- Proverbs 5:18-19

¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. ¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.

- God Created Sex to be Passionately and Fully Enjoyed in Marriage.

- IT'S WORTH THE WAIT!

- IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!