

Transforming Life 3

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Week Five: Beyond Babylon A Biblical View of Human Sexuality

INTRO

All sin is a perversion; a _____ of some legitimate part of our existence.

Sexual sin is a perversion of one of the deepest aspects of our human relationships.

According to the Bible, sex was never intended to be pursued in and of _____.

The human body is meant to give physical expression to the affections of the _____.

Sex should be the by-product of _____. It's intention is to be the physical expression of marital _____. Sexual intercourse does not _____ or constitute a marriage (Jn. 4:16-18).

DEVIATION

Anytime a person engages in _____ sexual activity, he wants sexual gratification without intimacy. This person is both _____ and _____.

Masturbation is having sex with _____. A person addicted to pornography is not addicted to images as much as he is addicted to _____-centeredness. They are committed to serving _____.

Masturbation is sinful self-_____. With masturbation, the person _____ relational commitment and does not have to invest in becoming intimate with another person.

The person engaged in sexual immorality manages to depersonalize the image or partner; reducing it/him/her to simply an _____ for their selfish use.

The world wants you to think that sexuality is the result of a mounting biological _____ in the person that is unhealthy to restrain. This is not true.

The sexual deviate, like the glutton, gives way to indulgence – not because of biological _____ or because of an ‘addiction’ – but because they have a burning, driving _____ (i.e., lust) to satisfy themselves.

But they soon discover – through repetition and diminishing returns – that the flesh is virtually _____. (see *The Woman at the Well*; Jn. 4).

Sexual immorality becomes a _____ for the self-absorbed person; a place where he or she can retreat and indulge _____ ~ _____.

SEX IN MARRIAGE

Sex in marriage requires sacrifice, commitment, effort and death to _____; coupled with a desire to _____ the desires of your spouse (Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 7:4, 5).

Sex without communication, which facilitates marital intimacy, misses the mark of God’s intention for physical _____. That is why loving expressions of inner affections toward the other person ought to _____ the sexual act.

This also points out the wrong-headedness of using the sexual act as a _____ of communication. Sex, when it occurs, ought to be the _____ of effective communication between two married people.

Sexuality is a _____ act; not primarily a physical one. Dealing with sex is not an issue of subduing our _____, but of sanctifying our _____.

Sexual activity in marriage is not primarily personal where _____ satisfaction is the focus and objective; but, _____ where the dynamics of two mutually participating partners seeking to bring pleasure to each other out of their _____ for one another is in view.

Sex is intended by God to be the physical expression of _____ in marriage.

KEY BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING SEXUALITY

1. God created the male and female _____ with the clear intention of sexual intercourse (Gen. 1:27, 28).
2. God created sex therefore, it is pure and _____ (Gen. 1:31)
3. The Bible declares that marital sex is “_____ and undefiled” (Heb. 13:4).
4. Jesus proclaimed that sexuality is an issue of the “_____” (Mt. 5:27-28).
5. _____ God is often expressed in deviant and perverse sexual behavior (Rom. 1:21-27).

6. We are to be _____ of God in our sexual purity. Sexual immorality is _____ (Eph. 5:1-5).
7. _____ is the solution for someone who has strong desires in the sexual area and difficulty with self-control (1 Cor. 7:9).
8. The marriage relationship is designed to _____ the intimate relationship between Christ and His church in a _____ way (Eph. 5:31-32).
9. Sexuality is intended to produce _____ in marriage (Gen. 2:24).
10. Sexuality in marriage – which is the physical by-product of inward intimacy – is not _____ (1 Cor. 7:2-5). Therefore, it is _____ to withhold from one another.
11. The _____ is not personal pleasure, but the gratification and exhilaration and satisfaction of your _____ (Phil. 2:3-4).
12. It is the duty of every person in marriage to endeavor to _____ his or her spouse in sexual intimacy.
Some common reasons for failure:
 - 1) _____
 - 2) Unresolved _____
 - 3) _____ problems
 - 4) _____ or misinformation regarding anatomy.
 - 5) Lack of effective _____ between spouses.
13. God encourages husbands and wives to _____ the pleasures of sexual expression in marriage (Prov. 5:15-20).

Recommended Resources for Further Study:

- ❖ Intended for Pleasure; Ed & Gaye Wheat
- ❖ Biblical Principles of Sex; Robert Smith
- ❖ Strengthening Your Marriage; Wayne Mack