

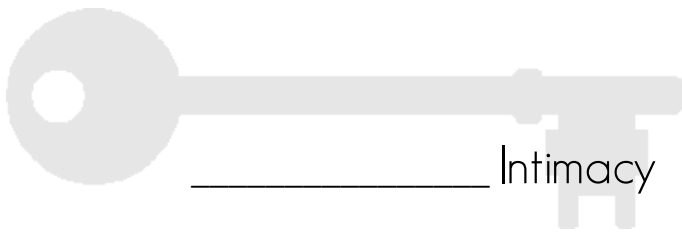
Sex is God's Idea

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7 Keys to Intimacy

mentally	emotionally	sexually
physically	relationally	financially
spiritually		



5 Things God Says About Sex

1. It's _____ for _____.

1 Corinthians 7:1,2--...Each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.

Song of Solomon 7:10--I belong to my husband and his desire is for me...

Song of Solomon 7:12--Let us go early to the vineyards to see if the vines have budded, if their blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates are in bloom -- there I will give you my love.

2. It's _____.

Genesis 1:27-31--So God created man in his own image...God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Genesis 1:27-31--...They will become one flesh.

3. It's _____ for _____.

Proverbs 5:1-5--My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

Proverbs 5:15-19 (LB)--Drink from your own well, my son--be faithful and true to your wife. Why should you beget children with women of the street? Why share your children with those outside your home? Let your manhood be a blessing: rejoice in the wife of your youth. Let her charms and tender embrace satisfy you. Let her love alone fill you with delight.

4. It's _____.

1 Corinthians 7:3-4--The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

5. It's _____.

1 Corinthians 7:5--Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways does the Bible and culture differ regarding sex?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What are the biggest challenges surrounding the subject of sex for people today? Youth? Singles? Married? What hope does God have for us in Scripture?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.