



Colossians 4:12--Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Choice #1: _____ **sex.**

Definition: Fulfilling our sexual desire outside of God's _____ and outside of God's _____.

Choice #2: _____ **sex.**

Genesis 2:24--For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Definition: A _____ and _____ expressing their love for one another in a committed _____ relationship. It is fun and it is free of _____ and _____.

3 Lessons to Preserving Big Sex in Your Life

1. Stand _____ in the _____ of God.

» **God's _____ is for sexual purity**
 _____ **marriage and also**
 _____ **marriage.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8--It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and 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. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Examples

» _____ : **No one is** _____ .

2 Samuel 11:2-5--One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

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Genesis 39:6-12--Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

2. Be _____ .

Hebrews 6:1--Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity..

Proverbs 4:25--Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.

3. Be fully _____ .

Ephesians 3:17-19--So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. How is God's plan for sexuality different from the world's plan?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What are ways that Christians can encourage others to buy into "Big Sex"?
4. What other Biblical examples are there of people who teach us to stand firm in the will of God?
5. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.