

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK:

WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY ABOUT SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE?

1. God uses marriage to describe His relationship with His _____, the church. Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:31-33. This cannot be underestimated!
2. God shows us how to _____ one another in marriage. Eph 5:21-33, Prov 5:15-19 (All the one- another/each other passages).

- Manufacturer

- Programming

- Dating and marriage in isolation

3. We marry in _____. Marriages are not intended to be isolated but involved in the lives of others so that we can influence one another for good and share one

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another’s burdens. Pastor Steve Holt: “That’s why we are here and equip the saints. You can’t do it alone. You need bloodstained allies.” Heb 10:25, Titus 2:1-8

- Specific Instructions:

4. Men are specifically warned against immoral _____ many times (but not the other way around). Prov 5 1-14, 20-23. Why do you think that is? (Thought question)
5. God gives very specific instructions in the Old Testament and they did not _____ in the NT. Deuteronomy 22, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 - a. Virginity at the time of marriage is an _____. Deuteronomy 22:1-19.
 - b. Sexual sin begins in the _____. Matthew 15:19 .
 - c. Sex before marriage is disgraceful, considered *prostituting* oneself. Deuteronomy 22:20-21.
 - d. We are to treat one another as _____ members: fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers with *absolute* purity. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, 1 Tim 5:1-2.
 - e. The unspoken outcome of having sex with a brother or sister in Christ, outside marriage, is _____. 1 Timothy 5:1-2.
 - f. Adultery (sex with another person’s spouse) was deserving of _____. Deuteronomy 22:22.
 - g. Rapists (and a victim who could have cried for help but didn’t) deserved death. Deuteronomy 22:23-25.
 - h. Sex before marriage must be followed by *permanent* marriage. Deuteronomy 22:28-29.
 - i. As members of the body of Christ, we are not to use our bodies for sexual immorality, specifically uniting ourselves with a *prostitute* (see point #3 above). 1 Corinthians 6:15-16.
 - j. We are to _____ immorality because this type of sin is against our own bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.
 - k. If there are two unmarried Christians who are burning with lust for one another, they need to either exercise *self-control* or get married. 1 Corinthians 7:36.
6. There are _____ references to sexual immorality in many books of the New Testament, including references to fornication, sexual impurity, unnatural sexual relations, sexual sin, adultery, and homosexuality.
7. Yes, God forgives sin when we confess and repent, but continuing in sin is _____ the Son of God underfoot and treating His blood that sanctified us as unholy. It insults the Spirit of grace. Hebrews 10:26-31.

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8. Psalm 119 is full of verses that speak of the _____, benefits, comforts, and delight that following God’s laws (decrees, laws, commands, statutes, precepts, ways) can provide. It also includes many prayers for God’s guidance in challenging and tempting circumstances. Most not specifically re: sexual purity but show us the deeply profound benefits of following God’s laws.

- V9: _____
- V30-32: _____
- V80: _____

- V93: _____