

① Some thoughts on Love

In this culture today sex is the zenith of selfish exploitation. The irony of this view is that TV, movies, magz. glorify the body & encourage us to keep our cholesterol down - the body in shape - eat right - exercise alot

And yet they de-grade, violate and mis-treat the very heart + core of our Being - utterly destroying soul + spirit - our personhood made in the image of God. The body grows old and dies - soul lives on

e.g. the TV ad of a man taking a bottle of wine to each new sexual conquest night after night. The wine companies did a lot of marketing research to find out that this is the ideal dream of young people

Being created in God's Image mentally & spiritually lifts us upto tremendous potential - we are not simply evolved animals that engage in sexual activity to satisfy physical urges.

God created us to experience unity sexually in a committed marriage relationship - it's a great gift from God. an intimacy He calls "one flesh" - which has not only an emotional aspect, but a spiritual expression of love - the deepest form of communication God values sexuality - He instituted it in Gen. 2 - and how sad & destructive to see God's good gift being destroyed today by Satan who knows that marriage + the family is the heart of love - so he's destroying both marriage + families

2024-2025

Introduction to the course, overview of the semester, and expectations for students.

22-Grade Violata

Heart - Cost in...

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In the Bible God tells us that the sign of the end times is not only that the ^(a) church becomes apostate ^(b) i.e. unbelieving

But also peoples love grows cold - they will do things un-thought of before - going for astray from God - searching for a solution to the ^{emptiness +} misery in their lives

Our culture is demonstrating this fact very clearly - and the ^(a) character disorders, ^(b) family disintegration, ^(c) mounting child abuse, ^(d) teenage drug abuse + violence are living proofs of satan's victory over Christianity in ^{love} family

Q → How can we as Xian women + men stand against satan's attack + provide an option which is attractive + will protect our families from destruction

Q → How do you as ^{Xian} singles face a hostile environment + still maintain your integrity + balance? How do you handle the natural urges of your sexuality in a pagan environment full of temptation?

Ans: ① One reaction can be a super-spiritual puritan stance of negating + denying these feelings. That's not ^(a) healthy, not ^(b) Scriptural and ^(c) not honest.

② Rather, admit that you have these sexual and marriage longings - set the goal of preparing yourself for marriage-Biblically - where you can express your sexuality givingly + committedly nurturing your husband + children in a thoroughly Xian home.

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3) The Bible teaches that our attitudes and decisions are significant - don't say "I make the choices but God is responsible for the outcome" - that is a separation of free will & responsibility. (as in the case of Esau)

→ Important principle: there is no hunger (sexual, loneliness, desire of any kind) - there is no such hunger so severe that it justifies trading away God's WILL in order to satisfy it. NO SUCH HUNGER

The Bible teaches that you can choose God's WILL in your sexuality that will build patience, strength of character, and unselfishness

get to next p. 2. > 3) Another destructive way to live is to think about getting the right one - the "hunk" until it becomes an obsession

The result is ungrateful, unthankful "thought life" that results are totally frustrating & defeating. Then God doesn't satisfy you any longer - because your attention is not focused on Him but on your "need" for a man. Because of this self-centered ungrateful focus you are guaranteed more (a) frustration & (b) defeat -

a treadmill of (c) misery - (d) self-centered focus - (e) depression. It's very destructive emotionally and especially spiritually - God no longer matters.

Very often after living in this frustrated way the single girl meets "someone" - anyone - Xian or non-Xian and gives into him for self-gratification with no reference to God & His will. This "someone" becomes her idol - her focus - she worships this new person & pursues him, not God.

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