

LET'S TALK ABOUT

SEX

“Sacred Sex”

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Matthew 19:4-6 (ESV)

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEX

- 1. _____ of Marriage:** Marriage is set apart from any other relationship (also, Gen. 2:24; Mk. 10:7-9; Eph. 5:31).
 - “Leave” means “relinquish or forsake.” In marriage, the children are to relinquish that priority position of commitment and devotion given to parents (the highest of all relationships).
 - “Hold fast” means “to glue, join together, keep close.” Having detached from parents, the couple now gives that priority position of commitment and devotion to each other.
 - **Here's the point:** In leaving and holding fast, marriage now represents the highest of all relationships—beyond and unique from any other relationship. There is none like it. It is sanctified for a lifetime.
- 2. Purpose of _____ in Marriage:** What sets apart marriage from any other relationship is the purpose of oneness that a husband and wife are to experience for a lifetime.
 - “One flesh” is the degree of union and intimacy in the marriage, beyond and set apart from any other relationship for a lifetime.
 - Oneness in marriage is to be experienced on all possible levels of human interaction – emotional, intellectual, spiritual, physical, etc.

- 3. _____ of Oneness in Marriage:** Sex exists as a God-instituted expression of marriage's unique purpose of oneness.
 - Genital union is the event that marks two becoming one; it is the express and literal physical achievement of it.
 - Sex is sacred.
 - In God's design, sex is a beautiful thing! Christian couples should be having great sex lives, better sex than anybody else!

MY RESPONSE

Because sex is sacred, I must not treat it as _____.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Sex is sacred because it is the God-instituted expression of marriage's purpose of oneness.

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