

Sex is used to bring a man and a woman together...what can threaten this?

Sex before marriage

1. True or False?
 - (a) Sex outside marriage is ok if two people love each other T__ F__
 - (b) Sex outside marriage is ok if people use proper birth control T__ F__
 - (c) Sex is a power full thing T__ F__
 - (d) The only reason to have sex outside marriage is selfishness T__ F__
 - (e) God created sex to be explored T__ F__
 - (f) It doesn't make sense to commit to someone physically if
you're not ready to commit to them in marriage T__ F__
 - (g) Does a marriage certificate make having sex any more moral T__ F__
 - (h) Relationships should be built on communication and love – not sex T__ F__
 - (i) Responsible sex can't hurt anyone T__ F__
 - (j) Sex is special and should only be shared with a lifetime partner T__ F__
 - (k) Couples need to experiment with sexuality before getting married T__ F__
2. Which of the following are acceptable before marriage?
 - a. Holding Hands Y__ N__
 - b. Light Kissing Y__ N__
 - c. Intense Kissing Y__ N__
 - d. Petting Y__ N__
 - e. Foreplay Y__ N__
 - f. Sexual Intercourse Y__ N__

Ephesians 5:1-5

A pre-married couple should avoid any activity that tempts them toward sex, that gives the appearance of immorality, or that could be considered "foreplay." I, personally, would strongly advise a couple to not go beyond holding hands, hugging, and light kissing before marriage. The more a married couple has to share exclusively between themselves, the more special and unique the sexual relationship in a marriage becomes.

Age is also crucial, during our teenage years and early twenties, we are just starting to experience life and we may not be firmly grounded enough spiritually to form romantic attachments and may be more prone to making unwise decisions that can leave us with emotional, physical, psychological, and spiritual damage.

Adultery in Marriage

Matthew 5:27-30

- (a) How does the media influence our attitude toward unfaithfulness in marriage? _____
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(b) People usually give reasons for their adultery: "We love each other." "I don't love my wife anymore." "My spouse doesn't meet my needs." Why are there no exceptions given to the command against adultery? _____

(c) In what ways are the eye and hand avenues to sexual temptation (vv. 29-30)? _____

(d) Obviously, gouging out an eye or cutting off a hand would not remove our ability to sin. How does Jesus intend us to apply his commands in verses 29-30? _____

(e) What is the difference between lust and God-given sexual desires? _____

(f) How might the way we dress, our conversation and lifestyle be a source of temptation to someone of the opposite sex? _____
