

## Why is premarital sex wrong?

We are living in a time where everybody seems to be doing it. In a time of teenage pregnancies, abortions and sexually transmitted diseases are considered to be societal norms; and therefore sexual purity, abstinence and commitment is now viewed as abnormal or strange. It is due to main stream media, the entertainment, fashion and porn industries, and from certain iconic figures why society is hypersexualised. It has profoundly influence many to live a promiscuous and an indulgent lifestyle. But clearly it is not without serious consequences. But it then begs the question. How can sex be wrong if it is not only pleasurable, but is meant for procreation? Could the misuse of sex be wrong, and not sex itself? What if it is to pervert the act by taking it out of its context where its meaning is misapplied for something else? The Bible says we should abstain from fornication in **1 Thessalonians 4:3**. Fornication means premarital sex. Fornication in Greek is porneia, which means illicit sexual intercourse. Pornography is a word that is derived from the word porneia.

In **Genesis 4:1** it says Adam knew his wife; and she conceived..... Knew in Hebrew is yada. Yada means to know. To know someone is to have a understanding of who the person is. And to have a knowledge and a understanding is to be intimately involved mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically, fully investing yourself selflessly into the person. E.g. mental (intellectual), emotional (sensitivity), social (activities) and spiritual (closeness to God). It is a process of getting to know, and developing an understanding on these 4 levels. Commitment comes at the 4th level before the 5th. For it is to know if the person is willing to commit their life to you in love before anything else representing God's love, ultimately glorifying Him.

During sex oxytocin releases in the brain to form a physical bond. So if you go straight to having sex, you do not only shortcut intimacy, but you have shortcutted intimacy to establish a physical bond with someone you barely know. Premarital sex complicates relationships. It complicates relationships by establishing a physical bond without knowing the person. Thus to establish a physical bond without knowing the person, is to be with that particular individual without knowing who they are. Hence, the confusion of desperately wanting to be in a chaotic situation, experiencing unfaithfulness and having multiple partners. Impulse then comes before judgement despite of maltreatment. Some are easily manipulated by charm because of their impulses (feelings). The seducer is self seeking. He or she may study an individual, and speak persuasively to get what they want, and once they get it their behaviour changes.

**1 Corinthians 6:18** says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." And those that practice fornication will not inherit the kingdom of God. **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**. The Scriptures also say to avoid fornication is not to even touch. "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."**1 Corinthians 7:1-2**

When we view the Biblical narrative of how God brought the man and the woman together. He first said it is not good for a man to be alone, and He will create for him a help mate. Alone in Hebrew is badad. Badad means isolation or loneliness. Help mate in Hebrew is azar. Azar means helper. Therefore, Eve's purpose was to help Adam with the task that God Himself has given him. To be a custodian, a guardian or overseer over the earth and to be loved by not only God, but also her husband.

God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, and took out one of his ribs; and made a woman. God took the bone closest to Adam's heart, which does not only represent how close she was to be to his heart, but to be close to his side and complementary to him as part of his very own flesh. Complementary to him in understanding, support and compatibility. Adam refers to his wife as bones of my bones and flesh of my flesh, speaking of the oneness of a man and his wife. And says for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife.

God intelligently designed, and created the man and the woman to be together. To love each other without hurting one another, compromising their relationship. Sex is then a physical intimate expression of love. Reflecting the highest form of intimacy of God's love described as a thirst. David expresses love as a thirst his soul has for God. **Psalm 42:1.** Premarital sex can become an unquenchable sexual thirst for the flesh. Premarital sex does not reflect God's love. Therefore, it inevitably, becomes an unquenchable lust for the flesh because it does not reflect God's love in selflessness, but selfishness using each other for self - gratification.

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