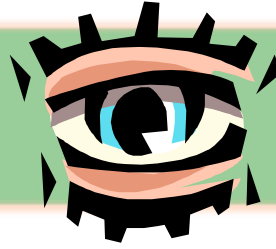


GOD'S

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VIEW

A TIME WHEN NOTHING IS SACRED AND SOULS SETTLE FOR LESS

In this age of anything goes in regards to love and sex, the campus is awash with myths about the area of human relationships. Unfortunately these myths can have heartbreaking consequences and even God's people have compromised and settled for less than His best in this area. Today we want to allow our hearts to meditate on the beauty and sanctity of relationships lived out God's way. To do this, we will need to break through the campus myths about love and sex. Budziszewski breaks these myths into three categories: general myths (the ones men and women are equally likely to fall for), girl myths (the ones women are more likely to fall for), and guy myths (the ones men are more likely to fall for.) **Once again, be careful, you may actually believe some of these yourself!**

GENERAL MYTHS

LOVE IS A FEELING, AND SEX IS THE ADULT WAY TO EXPRESS IT

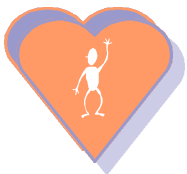
If Love is simply a feeling, how could someone pledge to love someone for life?



How does the author define love?

Why is marriage the adult way to express love?

SEX IS LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE; IN ORDER TO MAKE WISE CHOICES ABOUT IT, YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE IT.



Is it true that "all things" need to be experienced in order for you to make a wise choice about them? What are some examples of things that you don't need to experience in order to make wise decisions about them?

WITHOUT SEX, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE COMPATIBLE WITH SOMEONE; WITHOUT LIVING TOGETHER, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHETHER A MARRIAGE BETWEEN YOU WOULD WORK.

Is divorce more common among couples who do not live together before marriage?



"LIVING TOGETHER WITHOUT A BINDING COMMITMENT IS LESS LIKE TRAINING FOR MARRIAGE AND MORE LIKE TRAINING FOR DIVORCE (BUDZISZEWSKI PAGE 83, PARAPHRASED)

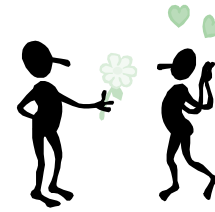
Is sexual style a learned or inborn behavior?

Read passage of the book about "sexual habits" beginning with "When unmarried people"

GIRL MYTHS — ABOVE ALL ELSE GUARD YOUR HEART—PROVERBS 4:23**SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE IS ROMANTIC**

What is very unromantic about “hooking up”?

How do you really want a man to treat you?



Note for the guys: “There’s a difference between being a “john” and being a man”

THE GUY THAT SAYS “I LOVE YOU” IN ORDER FOR YOU TO GIVE INTO HIS PHYSICAL DESIRES IS REALLY SAYING “I LOVE ME, BUT I WANT YOU.”

SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE HOLDS RELATIONSHIPS TOGETHER?

List the four pitfalls the author give for this myth:



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Do you think it is harsh to say that some guys treat women like “practice dolls?”

**SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE IS A SIGN OF COMMITMENT**

Is someone who is not ready to marry you, really committed to you?



How does sex outside of marriage show not a sign of commitment but a sign that the guy has gotten his way?

MARRIAGE SHOULD BE HONORED BY ALL, AND THE MARRIAGE BED KEPT PURE, FOR GOD WILL JUDGE THE ADULTERER AND THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL.

GOD’S WORD — HEBREWS 13:4

GUY MYTHS — THE BODY IS NOT MEANT FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY—1 CORINTHIANS 6:13**SEX IS A PHYSICAL NEED, AND PHYSICAL NEEDS CAN'T BE WRONG.**

What is the difference between physical want and need?

Will anyone die from not having sex?

DON'T HAVE SEX JUST TO RELIEVE DESIRE; WAIT UNTIL MARRIAGE, WHERE HAVING SEX IS PART OF MAKING LOVE.

BUDZISZEWSKI PAGE 86

SEX IS FOR PLEASURE, AND PLEASURE CAN'T BE WRONG

Are all pleasures harmless? What about sex outside of marriage?

Describe the Hedonist Paradox...



IF YOU WANT TRUE AND LASTING PLEASURE, YOU NEED TO STOP CHASING IT AND START PURSUING LOVE.

MARRIAGE IS BORING BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ANY VARIETY

How does having "shallow variety", sleeping around, damage you capacity for intimacy?



Why is "deep intimacy" without a promised commitment of marriage impossible?

READ PAGE 90 TOGETHER ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE



GOD'S ADVICE TO US:

FOR REAL LOVE AND SAFE SEX, PUT ON SOME OF THESE.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY



1. Boy Meets Girl by Joshua Harris, Multnomah Publishers Inc.
2. I Kissed Dating Goodbye by Joshua Harris, Multnomah Publishers Inc.
3. Choices: Finding God's Way in Dating, Sex, Singleness by Stacy and Paula Rinehart, Nav Press
4. Passion and Purity by Elizabeth Elliot, Baker / Revell