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UNITED: SEX & BODY MATTERS

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Since the Sexual Revolution...

5 phases to sexual digression away from:

1. Procreation (contraception)
2. Marriage (cohabitation)
3. Partnership (casual sex)
4. Another person (porn, AI)
5. Our own bodies (questioning gender)

- JONATHAN GRANT
Divine Sex



If we could transport Christians from almost any other century to any of today's "Christian" countries in the West, I believe what would surprise them most (besides our phenomenal affluence) is how at home Christians are with sexual impurity. It doesn't shock us. It doesn't upset us. It doesn't offend our consciences. In fact, unless it's really bad, sexual impurity seems normal, just a way of life... many of us have become numb to the poison we are drinking... and [Christians] look a lot like everybody else.

- KEVIN DEYOUNG





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1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

¹² “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.”



The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!



¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.



¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.





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Confront our Wrong Views

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-13



To have a right to do a thing,
is not at all the same as to be
right in doing it.

- G.K. CHESTERTON





The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.

- ROMANS 8:2





Hold onto the High View

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-17






... at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

- MATTHEW 19:4-6





Marriage strips away the illusions about sex pounded into us daily by the entertainment media. Few of us live with oversexed supermodels. We live instead with ordinary people, men and women who get bad breath, body odours, and unruly hair; who menstruate and experience occasional impotence; who have bad moods and embarrass us in public; who pay more attention to our children's needs than our own. We live with people who require compassion, tolerance, understanding, and an endless supply of forgiveness. So do our partners. Such is the ironical power of sex: It lures us into a relationship that offers to teach us what we need far more—sacrificial love.

- PHILLIP YANCEY

Holy Sex—How it Ravishes Our Souls



Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

- JOHN 1:12



Take Care to be Faithful

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20



Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery.

- MATTHEW 5:28

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust...

- COLOSSIANS 3:5



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 JOHN 1:9





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