

Love and Sex: The Makers Instruction's (Part 2)
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*By rejecting his Makers Instructions selfish man has perverted
that which God created good.*

The Judeo Christian view of sexuality teaches that sex is a natural bodily function, endowed by our Creator for his creative purposes and our enjoyment. Sex becomes sinful only when misused in ways that hinder God's plan for the human race. Although biological in nature, it is intimately intertwined with the intellectual, moral, spiritual and social needs of individuals. The Christian church teaches that the sex act should not be engaged in promiscuously. Only in marriage – through the institution called the family – can sex achieve the fine, noble purpose God intended for his children.

One Christmas I purchased toys for my children with the label, "Some assembling required." I was impatient and learned the hard way not to ignore "the Makers Instructions." My attempt to take a shortcut ended in utter frustration.

So, with this topic under review. It is precisely because sex is so beautiful that our Creator has given us the 'makers instructions' and centuries of history have proven their true value. God is no killjoy. The biblical standard of purity before marriage and faithfulness within marriage, does not mean deprivation but rather profound happiness. It is only through his plan that sex can yield its highest happiness and deepest joy.

We are only as rich or as poor as the quality of our personal relationships. Sex, at the right time, with the right person, under the right circumstances, becomes the most tremendous expression of intimacy human beings can experience.

The biblical term for sexual intercourse is generally, 'yada-to know.' "And Adam knew Eve, his wife" (Genesis 2:41). They knew each other in a way no one else could. Sex can be an eloquent nonverbal language the body uses to express what is in the heart.

The best defence against subtle, sexual seductions can be overcome through a meaningful erotic relationship between husband and wife. As author Leroy Koopman expressed it: "a close relationship that has a strong emphasis on healthy sex will squeeze Satan out. An empty vacuum will invite him; a full cup will send him elsewhere. Why go out for hamburgers when you can have steak at home?"

As author Richard Wilke expresses wishfully, "Where in the world did we get the idea that sex is exciting only if it is sneaky, like a boy smoking a cigar behind the barn? Who put forward the notion that sex in marriage is dull, routine and ordinary? People who are trying to maximize love through casual encounters, or

one-night stands, are simply missing the boat! Someone needs to tell them plain out that there is deep joy in knowing that the woman who kissed you passionately in the night is the same woman who will carry your babies and rock your grandchildren. Sex needs security in order to blossom. The more sex is related to the love of God, the more meaningful and exciting it becomes."

"Sex is so bad outside of marriage because it is so good inside of marriage. Don't sell yourself short!"

Dr. Norman V. Peale.