

# Chastity

is an understanding of and respect for human sexuality expressed in submission to God's revealed design and motivated by agape love.

## THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST A LOVE STORY

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### Biblical sexual ethics – 7 key words

Key word	Principle
Security	Sex outside marriage is sin.
Spirituality	Sex is about mind and body.
Shame	Sexual shame draws us to or away from God.
Stewardship	Our bodies are not our own.
Source	Sex makes a popular but poor messiah.
Sharing	Self-serving sex is shallow.
Standards	Sexual behavior has boundaries.

### Sexual ethics

Christian	Secular
God is my soul's life <b>SOURCE</b>	<b>Sex is a messiah</b>

My soul is to find the love, affirmation, and energy it needs through the love of Christ.

I will find the love and affirmation in need through sexual experience.

### 1 Peter 3

"1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that **even if any of them are disobedient to the word**, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. 3 And let not your adornment be merely external - braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear. 7 You husbands **likewise**, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and **grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life**, so that your prayers may not be hindered."

### 1 Peter 2:21-3:12

"21 For you have been **called for this purpose**, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 *who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth*; 23 and while being **reviled**, He did not revile in return; while **suffering**, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself **bore our sins** in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His **wounds** you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls. 1 In the same way, you wives, . . . 7 You husbands likewise"

*Where do we get the power to love unconditionally:*

- ✓ Christ's love is our **energizer**.
- ✓ Christ's life is our **example**.



## Jeremiah 2:13

“For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

*“Carnal lust rules where there is no love of God.”*

St. Augustine

## John 5:44

“How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?”

**Luke 14:26** - “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

**Matthew 10:28** - “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

**Jeremiah 17:5** - “Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.”

**Acts 5:29** - “We must obey God rather than man.”

**Galatians 1:10** - “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.”

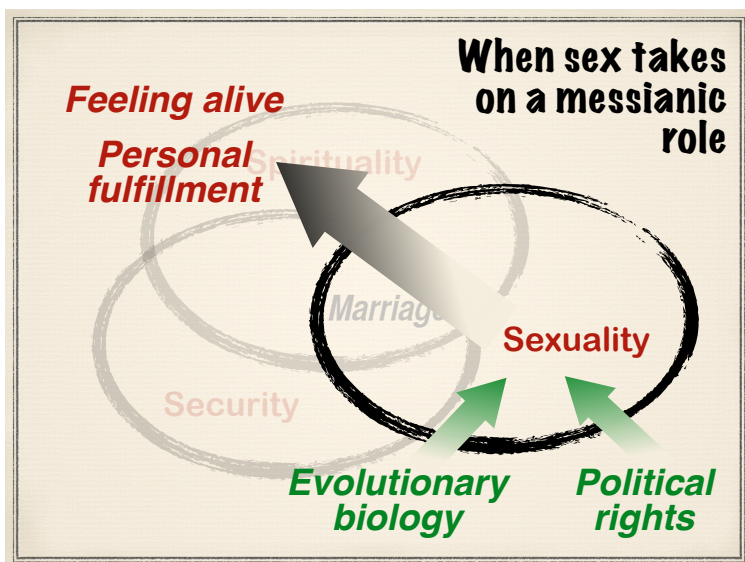
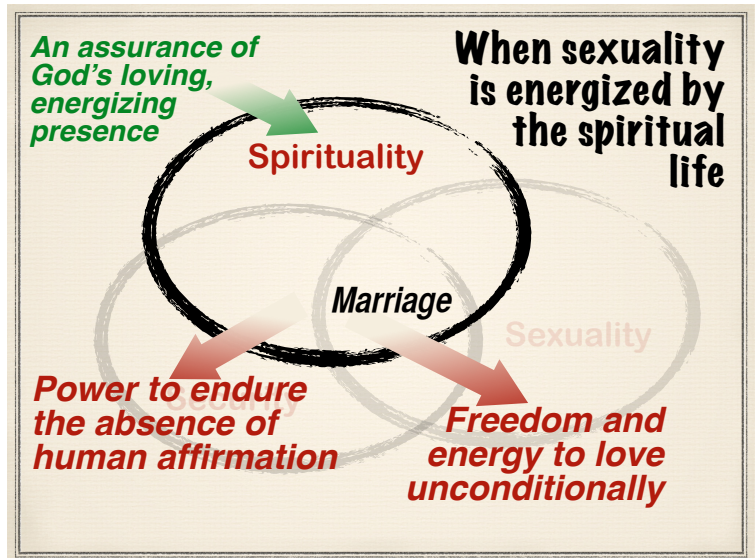
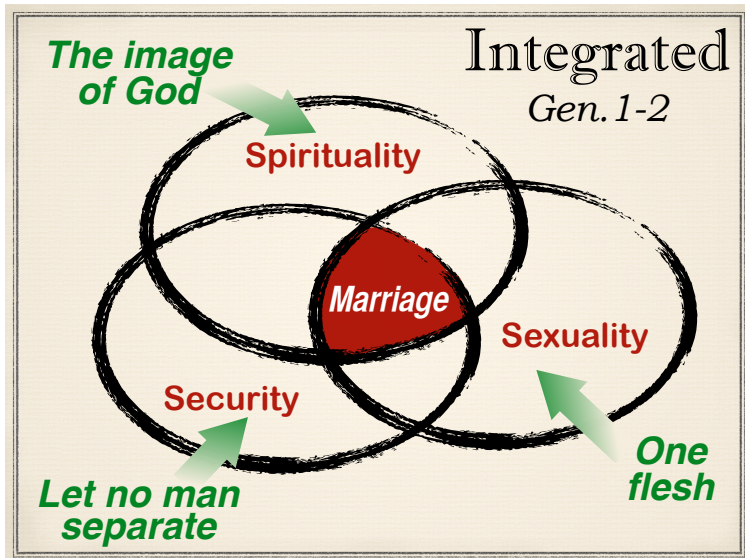
**1 Thessalonians 2:4** - “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.”

**Proverbs 29:25** - “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.”

**John 12:43** - “For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

**Matthew 16:26** - “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?”

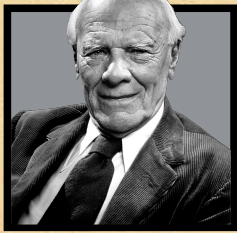
**Colossians 3:23** - “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”



## Our Functional Messiah is

1. what makes us feel most alive.
2. what we make our greatest sacrifices to.
3. what governs our life decisions.
4. what we think about at times of leisure.
5. what comforts us when depressed.
6. what gives us hope when discouraged.
7. what energizes us to give, love, create, and endure.

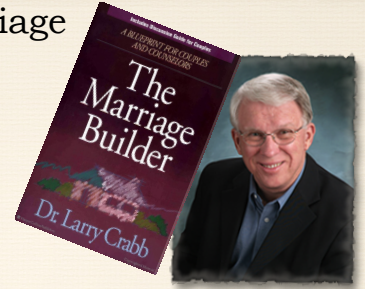




Malcolm Muggeridge

"Sex is the imitation or substitute religion of the 20th Century."

"In a healthy marriage I MINISTER to my mate, and I don't MANIPULATE them to fulfill my selfish agenda."



*Perhaps the greatest distinctive of Biblical sexual ethics is the limited role that sex plays in the nourishing of our soul.*

### Sexual ethics

Christian	Secular
Self sharing	Selfish using

Sexuality is to be vulnerable, gracious, and self sacrificing.

Sexuality is all about my needs and what is in it for Me.

### Genesis 2

"18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be **alone**; I will make him a helper suitable for him. . . ."

"24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not **ashamed**."

*Human sexuality addresses a damage control provision for two conditions - isolation & shame.*

- ✓ Sexuality addresses **loneliness**.
- ✓ Sexuality calls for **vulnerability**.



Dr. Brene Brown

"I learned about vulnerability by studying shame."

*Daring Greatly* - How the courage to be vulnerable transforms the way we live, love, parent, and lead.

### Why is there no sexual activity in heaven?

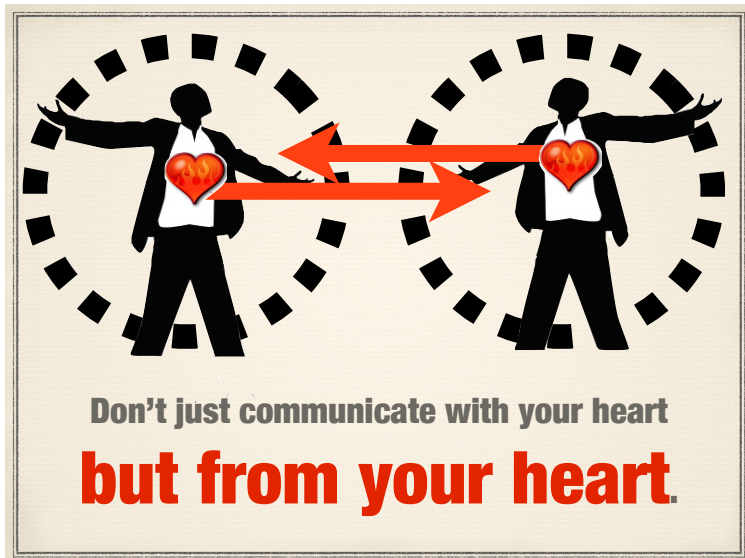
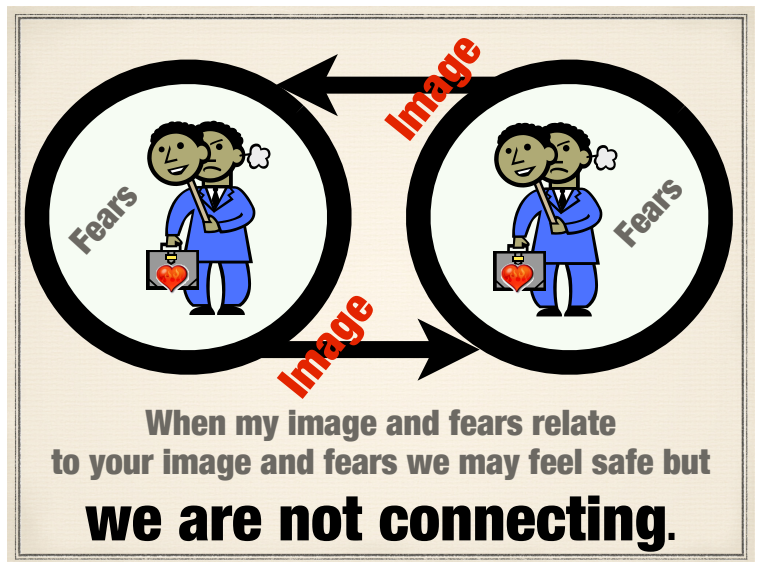
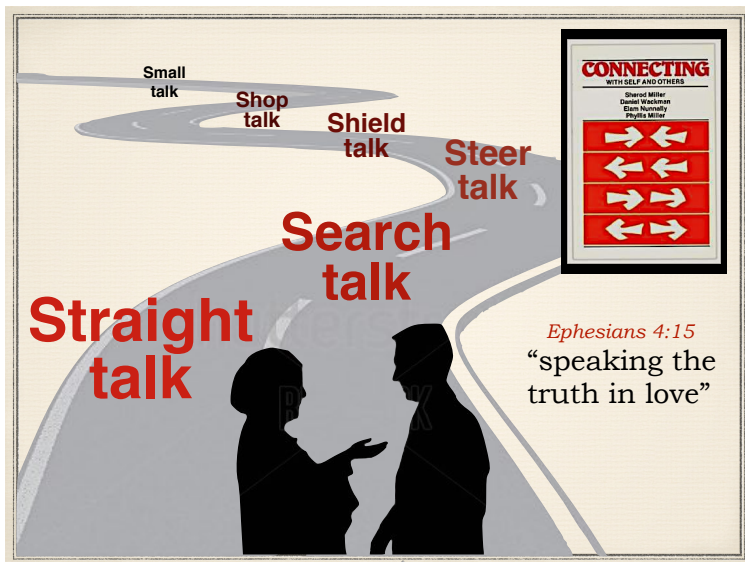
- ✓ No **shame** or **isolation** and no need for human **procreation**.
- ✓ We will fully **know** and be perfectly **known**. I Cor.13:12

### Revelation 19:7

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."







*Sexual ethics*

Christian	Secular
Standards of conduct	Permissive
There are moral boundaries that exist for our benefit.	Anything is permitted so long as it is legal, safe, and mutual chosen.

*1 Corinthians 5*

“9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. *Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.*”

**Paul's recognizes limits and uses tough love.**

- ✓ **Different standards:** Moral standards for confessing Christians are higher than for non believers.
- ✓ **Judgment:** Not every sinner in Corinth was disciplined through social separation — only those who **gloried in their vice**.
- ✓ **Note:** 2 Cor.2:1-11 indicates that penitent believers were to be welcomed and shielded from shame.

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