

Proverbs 6.20-28<sup>i</sup>

1000 BC, nearly 3 millenia ago, Solomon is saying, “Don’t let sexuality ruin your life.”

Proverbs 31.3<sup>ii</sup>

Sexuality and passion has always been a problem. We struggle to maintain control of our bodies.

Romans 7.19<sup>iii</sup>

Passion is divine. Passion is instinctive. It burns within us for all of our lives. It is something we have to control. All of us. At every stage of the game.

“If I were an atheist and did not believe the Bible and had to go only by my experience with couples, I would tell you that pre-marital sex is bad.” The people I’ve found who got into pre-marital sex had a deep price to pay in their marriages.

## 10 Reasons to Stay Pure

### 1. Sexuality Prior to Marriage Violates Scripture

#### a. Ephesians 5.3-5<sup>iv</sup>

- i. We are a holy people. None of us is to be named immoral.
- ii. Sexual immorality is a direct contradiction to the Word of God.
  1. 1 Cor. 5.9<sup>v</sup>, 1 Cor. 6.13<sup>vi</sup>, 1 Cor. 10.8<sup>vii</sup>, 1 Thess. 4.3<sup>viii</sup>

### 2. Premarital Sex Violates Another Person

#### a. 1 Corinthians 13.6<sup>ix</sup>

- i. True love does not delight in leading a person into doing something harmful.
  1. If I truly loved you, I wouldn’t ask you to continually violate speed laws or steal money from me. I wouldn’t ask you to do something contrary to what is best for you.
- ii. You are violating another person when you are asking them to go to a place where God has never called them to be.

### 3. Premarital Sex Violates the Purpose of Your Own Body.

#### a. 1 Corinthians 6.18-20<sup>x</sup>

- i. Your body is meant for God’s purposes
  1. If God wants to give someone money, He uses our bodies to reach into our pockets and get it from our wallets to give to someone
  2. If God wants to hug someone, He uses our bodies to hug someone else
  3. Being Jesus with skin on
  4. Not my own, but His
- ii. We are the bride of Christ which means we have become one flesh with God.

### 4. Premarital Sex Violates the Command for Self-Control

- a. Galatians 5.22-23 [the Fruit of the Spirit]<sup>xi</sup>
  - i. Our generation teaches that if you feel it, you should do it. Scripture teaches us that our bodies can feel all sorts of things that are contrary to the Word of God. Just because we feel it doesn't mean it's right or that we must have it right now.
- 5. Premarital Sex Violates Your Testimony
  - a. 2 Corinthians 1.12<sup>xii</sup>
    - i. Your confidence in being able to ministry is found in your conscience being pure.
    - ii. When you fall into premarital sex, your ministry is lost.
      - 1. If you've fallen into premarital sex, God can forgive you, but He can't use you until you deal with it.
    - iii. The greatest thing you have is your credibility. The greatest thing you have is your honor, your name, your reputation. Don't wreck it.
    - iv. If you can't hold up your head and look someone in the eye and tell them about Jesus because you aren't living a righteous life yourself, you have lost something that is the most precious thing in your life. All you have is your honor.
    - v. Story of Bible Study and the smoke detector guy
    - vi. Integrity
      - 1. Integer = One
      - 2. Integrate = Together
      - 3. Integrity = a oneness between what you believe and how you live.
- 6. Premarital Sex Violates The Church
  - a. 1 Peter 5.5a<sup>xiii</sup>
    - i. If you fall into immorality, there are elders that you're going to have to make sure never find out: your youth pastor, your pastor, your Confirmation mentor
    - ii. Now you are living in a contradiction of the church
- 7. Premarital Sex Violates Your Parents
  - a. Deuteronomy 5.16<sup>xiv</sup>
    - i. You also have to lie to your parents
    - ii. As teens, you don't realize what lengths your parents will go to keep you safe and from pain
    - iii. They will give up their lives for you
    - iv. When your kid is hurting, everything in you dies. Would you intentionally put yourself into this situation and hurt your parents in this way? Think about your own kids someday.
- 8. Premarital Sex Violates Your Future Marriage
  - a. You've built a relationship on the lighter fluid of passion.
  - b. Passion can't carry a marriage. It's the cherry on top of the ice cream. Marriages are built on kindness, respect, obedience, and fear of God.

- c. If you buy into premarital sex, then three years into the marriage when the lighter fluid burns off, you'll have to start all over and realign yourselves with God and court for the next three to seven years of your marriage.
- 9. Premarital Sex Violates Good Health
  - a. Could get you killed
    - i. AIDS
  - b. STDS
    - i. Transfers to your spouse
    - ii. This good looking, sharp guy has been immoral and now has some infectious STD. He starts courting this lady and eventually has to sit down and tell her, "Incidentally, if you decide to marry me, you don't just get my name. You get my disease." No one wants to have to do that or have that conversation.
- 10. Premarital Sex Removes Your Boldness
  - a. Proverbs 28.1<sup>xv</sup>
    - i. When you're not walking with God, you don't have the confidence to stand firm. You lose your boldness.
    - ii. Quote from the Tempest
      - 1. Shakespeare – The Tempest
        - a. Then, as my gift and thine own acquisition  
Worthily purchased take my daughter: but  
If thou dost break her virgin-knot before  
All sanctimonious ceremonies may  
With full and holy rite be minister'd,  
No sweet aspersion shall the heavens let fall  
To make this contract grow: but barren hate,  
Sour-eyed disdain and discord shall bestrew  
The union of your bed with weeds so loathly  
That you shall hate it both: therefore take heed,  
As Hymen's lamps shall light you.
          - i. Take my daughter, but if you go into her before  
marriage, you will not know in your marriage the  
blessing of heaven because you will be in  
rebellion against God.

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<sup>i 20</sup> My son, obey your father's commands,  
and don't neglect your mother's instruction.

<sup>21</sup> Keep their words always in your heart.  
Tie them around your neck.

<sup>22</sup> When you walk, their counsel will lead you.  
When you sleep, they will protect you.  
When you wake up, they will advise you.

<sup>23</sup> For their command is a lamp  
and their instruction a light;  
their corrective discipline  
is the way to life.

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- <sup>24</sup> It will keep you from the immoral woman,  
from the smooth tongue of a promiscuous woman.
- <sup>25</sup> Don't lust for her beauty.  
Don't let her coy glances seduce you.
- <sup>26</sup> For a prostitute will bring you to poverty,  
but sleeping with another man's wife will cost you your life.
- <sup>27</sup> Can a man scoop a flame into his lap  
and not have his clothes catch on fire?
- <sup>28</sup> Can he walk on hot coals  
and not blister his feet?

<sup>ii</sup> do not waste your strength on women,  
on those who ruin kings.

<sup>iii</sup> <sup>19</sup> I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway

<sup>iv</sup> <sup>3</sup> Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. <sup>4</sup>Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. <sup>5</sup>You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

<sup>v</sup> <sup>9</sup> When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin.

<sup>vi</sup> <sup>13</sup> You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies.

<sup>vii</sup> <sup>8</sup> And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day.

<sup>viii</sup> <sup>3</sup> God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

<sup>ix</sup> <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

<sup>x</sup> <sup>18</sup> Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. <sup>19</sup> Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

<sup>xi</sup> <sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

<sup>xii</sup> <sup>12</sup> We can say with confidence and a clear conscience that we have lived with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own human wisdom. That is how we have conducted ourselves before the world, and especially toward you.

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<sup>xiii</sup> <sup>5</sup> In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in humility, for

“God opposes the proud  
but favors the humble.”

<sup>xiv</sup> <sup>16</sup> “Honor your father and mother, as the LORD your God commanded you. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>xv</sup> <sup>1</sup> The wicked run away when no one is chasing them,  
but the godly are as bold as lions.