



Christian Heresies on Sexuality

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Our failure to talk about sexuality either in the pulpit, the home, or personal relationships reflects what we wrongly think about sexuality, about God, and about scripture. The world has preempted the field of sexuality. Maybe this should be a reason why we talk about sexuality. People’s attitudes and morals are being formed almost in a total vacuum of a Christian voice. Christians historically have not talked about sexuality. They have been silent about it. About the only advice Christians have given about sexuality over the years is “don’t.”

Many times, men are inhibited in sharing the deep feelings of life. Because we do not feel confident enough to talk about something so personal and deep to us, we create this false imagery that there is somehow something shameful or wrong with sexuality. If this is backed up by a withdrawal of affection the lack of embracing in the family, the lack of saying words of love, it can indeed produce a kind of neurosis.

The Bible is not silent about sexuality. The Bible has great deal to say about sexuality. If the scriptures speak frankly about sexuality then there is encouragement for us within our marriages, within our families, and within the body of Christ to speak forthrightly as well.

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COURAGE

C1: When did you first hear about sexuality and from where or whom?

C2: What keeps you from talking about sexuality at home with your family, at church, at work, or with a group of men?

C3: There are several Christian heresies relating to sexuality. Which of the following heresies have you heard?

- Sex is of the devil.
- Sex is dirty.
- Sex and religion don't mix.
- Sex is not normal.
- Sex can be a struggle to talk about.
- Sex is a result of the fall of Adam and Eve.

C4: Do you feel that the church is an appropriate setting to talk about sexuality? Why or why not?

C5: On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being comfortable and 4 being totally uncomfortable, rate yourself on how comfortable you feel talking with your kids or other men about sexuality. Why?

STRENGTH

S1: The Bible is not silent on sexuality and has a great deal to say on the subject. Do an index search in your Bible on sexuality. What did you discover? How can we begin to discuss the biblical view of sexuality and dismiss the heresies that are the norm in our churches?

S2: Men seem to struggle with their sexuality and with forming views and opinions that align themselves with God's Word. Why do you think that is?

S3: Describe the role the Holy Spirit plays in sexuality whether you are single or married.

S4: Spend thirty days formulating a theology on sexuality. Write out your theology. Make sure you include the meanings of purity and integrity.

ENDURANCE

E1: Before we can begin to disciple other men on the topic of Christianity and sexuality, we need to be sure our views align themselves with God's Word. Do an index search in your Bible on sexuality. What are your views about sexuality, and how do they align with God's Word? Be specific.

E2: The Bible is not silent when it comes to sexuality. Why are most churches and men silent when it comes to this topic? How can you, as a godly man, disciple other young men on the biblical view of sexuality? How can we share God's view of sexuality with the next generation rather than have them learn from today's culture?

E3: In the next thirty days, find three men and discuss with them the difference between being single for God and married regarding a man's walk with Christ based on **Matthew 9:12 (ESV)**. What did you learn from this discussion?

E4: In the next thirty days, gather with three men and discuss this lesson. What did you glean?