

Worship Team Let It Be Known

Greeting/Welcome

Worship Team Good, Good Father

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Message Modern Family (Part 3)

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Offering/Annoucements/Dismisal

The Making of "Modern Family" How to have Great Modern Sex Case Study 1 Corinthians 7

A Magnificent Modern Family is one that:

- Recognizes "The Family" is God's idea, not ours
- Is built upon a great leader..."Jesus Christ" 1 Cor. 1:10 (NLT)
- Is in Sync with why it Exists (on the same page 1 Cor. 1:10 (NLT)
- Is one that "Keeps House Well" 1 Corinthians 5 & 6

A great modern family has a great "sex-life".

How to have a great sex-life.

Option 1: Go Sexless.

Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to abstain (be celibate) from sexual relations. 1 Cor. 7:1 (NLT)

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion for him who corresponds to him."

Genesis 2:18 (NET)

The Culture says... <u>Sex</u> leads to <u>love</u>... The Creator says... Love leads to sex...

I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. 1 Cor. 7:7 (NIV)

The blessings of going sexless:

- The obvious avoiding: STDs, unplanned pregnancies, abortions, affairs
- · Boosting relational intimacy
- Avoiding unrealistic pressures
- Avoiding a misfit
- Freedom to go all in, and all out

Option 2: Do Sex God's style.

A. It starts with the right Participants.

But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. 1 Cor. 7:2 (NLT)

B. It is placed in the "right context" - "Marriage"

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- C. It strives for "Sexcellence".
- D. It's "practiced" the right <u>way</u>, at the right <u>time</u>, for the right <u>reason</u>.

The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Cor. 7:3-5 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Answer the following questions: Has sex outside of marriage made life better or complicated? How has sex been portrayed in our culture? Based upon an ABC/WSJ Poll 85% of women who have sex with a man, have serious thoughts about this being their future mate; only 12% of men think this way. How does that make you feel? Does that make you think differently about sex outside of marriage? In this same poll, it was found that those reporting the most satisfying sex life are in committed marriages. Why do you think that is so? Read 1 Cor. 7. Why do you think God cares so much about humanities' sex life? Think about the repercussions of sex being fulfilled as God had designed it. Think about the issues we face today that would become non-issues if sex was done the way God designed it (i.e. abortion, divorce rate etc.) Read John 10:10 and answer this question. If God is for us, loves us, and wants us to have a life to the fullest, then why aren't we experiencing that life?