

Understanding Your **SEXUAL IDENTITY**

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LIVING BY GOD'S WORD

God's Goodness & Human Sexuality

What is the role of physical intimacy (Sex) in "His"- Story?

A good gift but not essential for a great life.

"In Creation" human sexuality and physical intimacy was good.
(Genesis 2:18-25)

"In The Fall" human sexuality and physical intimacy was distorted.
(Genesis 3, 4, 6, 9)

"In The Redemption" physical intimacy in marriage was restored and singleness is elevated and honored. (Gospels, epistles)

"In The New Creation" human sexuality and physical intimacy will be surpassed. (Matthew 22:29-30; Revelation 19-22)

God's theology about human sexuality, and physical intimacy

It was made for the right players, in the right place, and for the right reasons.

The right players and right place:

In a marriage between a man and a woman.
(Genesis 2:24, Mark10:7-9)

The right reasons:

To celebrate a union and to affirm oneness. (Gen. 2:24)

For the procreation of God's family; to have kids. (Gen.1:28)

To add joy to a married couple. (Proverbs 5:15–20)

To display God's loyal, exclusive love. (Eph. 5:29–32)

God's theology on Sex and the Single life – Single is better?

“Model Jesus” - follow our single Savior. (Gospels)

To live today as we will live in eternity. (Matt. 22:29-30)

To give freedom to mission, to give undistracted devotion.
(1 Corinthians 7)

To display God's open, inclusive love to everyone.
(John 3:16)

*The thief's (Satan) purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My (Jesus Christ) purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. **John 10:10 (NLT)***

*Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” **Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)***

Going deeper on your own: Why is sexuality such a sensitive topic to talk about? Why is sexuality an important topic for us to talk about in terms of our own spiritual growth? In our care for other people? In our witness to unchurched people in our culture? After today's message can you now see how from a Biblical stand point how sexuality has played out over His-Story? Could you explain it to someone else? What was and is God's plan and purpose in human sexuality? What does it mean when Paul says some have the gift of singleness and what is the value of that gift? How can this understanding help you be single, support a single person, or even empower them? I stated in today's message that sex is “a good gift but not necessary for a great life”, would you agree or not? Along the journey of life, often times we have misused our sexuality and it has caused harm. Yet our Lord has told us (1 John 1:9) if we were to return to him confess our mistakes that He would restore us to a healthy and hopeful future with Him. If that is you, why don't you do that right now?