

Sexuality

God's Plan in Exclusivity

The importance of exclusivity.

1. Sex is God's way of saying, "I belong **completely** and **exclusively** to you.

Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31 (NIV)

³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

2. Sex is the powerful **statement** that **two** have come together **emotionally, spiritually**, intellectually, financially, physically, and in every other way.

Mark 10:8 (NIV)

⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one.

3. A **whole body** commitment is designed to go along with a **whole life** commitment.

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

4. Sexual love is **dehumanizing** if it is not in an **exclusive** relationship.

5. It is a horrible thing to be physically vulnerable with someone both not be personal, socially, economically, emotionally, spiritually vulnerable.

1 Corinthians 6:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

6. To say, "I will give you my body, but **not** my independence, money, **heart**, or life," is a **cruel**, selfish, inconsiderate statement.

The power of exclusivity.

7. God's plan for sex is that you give yourself away so **personally**, and so **deeply** that the result is a personal **transformation**.

Ephesians 5:25-30 (NIV)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--

³⁰ for we are members of his body.

8. **Everyone** needs a **word** from outside of ourselves to tell us we are **wonderful**, and sex has the power to make that statement.

John 15:12 (NIV)

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

9. Sex improperly used will **undermine** your **sanctification**, but sex used **properly** brings sanctification.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NIV)

³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,

⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

- a. If the world doesn't think you are **beautiful**, your lover has the **power** to tell them they are **wrong**.
- b. If you have been **hurt** in the past, your lover has the power to **heal** your heart.
- c. If you have suffered **neglect**, your lover has the sanctifying power to **mend** the suffering.
- d. If you don't feel **good** about yourself, your lover has the sanctifying power to **affirm** you.