

Love, Sex, & Relationships Part 2: Sex

*"May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts **satisfy** you always, may you ever be **intoxicated** with her love."*
Proverbs 5:18-19 NIV

*"They **knew God**, but they wouldn't **worship** him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of **what God was like**. As a **result**, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools... As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the **truth** about God for a **lie**." Romans 1:21-25 NLT*

✓ Sex is an animalistic action.

✓ Sex is a recreational activity.

✓ Sex is an isolated event.

✓ Sex is just physical.

✓ Sex is x-rated.

*"**Do you not know** that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and **unite** them with a prostitute? Never! 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." But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit." 1 Corinthians 6:15-17 NIV*

*"Flee from **sexual immorality**. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore **honor God with your body**." 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 NIV*

*"God wants you to be pure and to keep clear of all **sexual sin**... For God has not called us to be dirty-minded and full of lust but to be **holy and clean**." 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7 LB*

1. Commit to God's way.

*"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as **white as snow**; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1:18 NIV*

*"Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and **I will receive you**. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 NIV*

2. Set strong boundaries.

*"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature **think** about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit **think** about things that please the Spirit. If your sinful nature controls your **mind**, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your **mind**, there is life and peace."*
Romans 8:5-6 NLT

*"I will set before my **eyes** no vile thing." Psalm 101:3 NIV*

3. Build up healthy relationships.

*"Do not be misled: "Bad **company** corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV*

*"Make this your **common practice**: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed." James 5:16 MSG*

4. Magnify God's plan for my life.

*"With **promises** like this to pull us on, dear friends, let's make a clean break with everything that **defiles or distracts** us, both within and without. Let's make **our entire lives** fit and holy temples for the worship of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1 MSG*