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# God's Design For Marital Union

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# Introductory Concerns

1. Victorian approach to union in marriage: Sex is sin! It's a nasty subject, dirty topic. Don't talk about it.
2. Postmodern liberated view: Sex is the highest of human relationships. It is what makes a good marriage.



# A. The Biblical View

1. Sex and marriage is pure and holy.
  - Genesis 1:27, 31
  - God called it not just good, but “very good.”
  - “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled...” (Hebrews 13:4)



# A. The Biblical View

2. Sex is not the basis of marriage, and marriage is not a sexual relationship.
  - Sex is a very important part of marriage.
  - Not to participate wholeheartedly, aggressively and passionately is sin against God, spouse and self.
  - But sex does not equal marriage, John 4:17-18.
  - Unity in marriage is much more than sex.
  - Marriage success is more than sexual success.

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3. Sex has as a primary goal of satisfying your mate.
  - 1 Corinthians 7:3
  - The goal is not getting pleasure, not having a climax, not necessarily to conceive children...it is providing joy to your spouse.
  - Retrain your thinking from getting pleasure to giving pleasure.

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4. God created both the husband and wife with equal ability to satisfy each other.
  - 1 Corinthians 7:4
  - No one has sole power or authority. You do not have this independent of your spouse.
  - Both should be aggressive.
  - Sexual relationships are to be equal and reciprocal.
  - Ecclesiastes 9:9!

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5. Pleasure in sex is not sinful and forbidden but it is assured and encouraged.
  - Proverbs 5:18, 19
  - Satisfying your spouse is to be a deeply satisfying experience for you.
  - We are to be “ravished” or “intoxicated” (i.e. exhilarated) by them (Prov. 5:19).

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6. Sexual relationships should be regular and continuous.
  - 1 Corinthians 7:5
  - Four guidelines in not having sex:
    - a. Mutual agreement
    - b. Agreed upon time
    - c. Fasting and prayer
    - d. Terminate and start again



## B. Questions and Answers?

