
What about Sex Education?

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IF your personal views about the above subject were to be printed, what would you say? What is behind such motivation? Some seem to infer that sex has been a failure down through the years because of a lack of education concerning this normal exercise of married couples. With shocking reality, we find sex in the everyday newspapers and the most-read periodicals. All other mass media is filled with the subject. In a ~recent poll by The National Federation for Decency, they declared that suggested sexual intercourse or sexually suggestive comments are shown on TV at a rate of 2.81 percent per hour or a total of 9,230 times over a year of prime time viewing. A total of 89 percent of SEX on TV is DEPICTED OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE. These figures are out of date, as illicit sex is far above these averages. Since I give you these statistics in this monthly publication from time to time, I will not repeat them in this message.

Anyone who knows the facts of life is aware that most of the current promotion of sexual education is done by people of low personal moral standards. Sex education without the absolutes of the Bible is nothing more than sex *stimulation*. To teach sex in a way to make it profitable and pleasurable outside the bonds of marriage is immoral. To join the modern trend that gives direction to escape pregnancy is also immoral. When God says NO, how dare we tell them HOW?

The death rate from complications of pregnancy birth and delivery is 60 percent higher for women who become pregnant before they are 15 years of age. The U.S. has the fifth highest teenage bearing rate among industrialized countries of the world. One-fifth of all U.S. births are to teenagers!

Only God knows the devastation of the mind, produced by guilt in fornication (illicit sex prior to marriage) and adultery (illicit sex between married people). How can a couple trust one another completely when premarital sex has affected their blissful relationship in marriage? We counselors know, as years later we see the consequence in physical deterioration. Even the psychiatrist realizes the consequence of such guilt, as he endeavors to transfer its responsibility to parents, relatives, or society itself (whatever that may be).

Motivation for Education

Today's pseudo-intellectuals declare that ignorance and fear are the great impediments for sexual happiness and satisfaction. I wonder about Adam and Eve since they missed sex education in junior high school. If today's people are so ignorant about sex, why such an astounding number of abortions in our enlightened age? In the public school, anyone can qualify to teach the subject. Whether one is happily married, divorced, a prostitute, fornicator, or a frustrated maiden lady has nothing to do with the

qualifications for being an instructor. How can immoral people teach the morality of sex? Is it possible to teach sex independent of the moral standards of the Bible? It is the personal conviction of this writer and speaker that, for the most part, today's sex education outside of parental direction is for the purpose of promoting sex without guilt and personal responsibility. Of course, our children should have instilled within them the recreative, procreative, and human fulfillment aspects of sex between a happily married couple. But sex is too beautiful to be made ugly by exploitation to satisfy themselves. Sex is too powerful to be relegated to the realm of just preventive pregnancy.

Sex Is God's Plan

Where did we get the idea that we can use sex in any way we desire? Consider the conceit of one who concludes that God's plan of relationship between married couples can be improved upon? "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:7, 20-25).

Biblical Sex Teaching

Since when is it too old fashioned to say NO to an illicit relationship? Instead of motivating sex independent of supposedly puritanical hang-ups, we should teach *chastity!* Everybody is NOT engaging in sex relations prior to their marriage bed, which God classified as undefiled. There are still a few men who dare to keep themselves clean for the virgin they expect to marry. It is time to hear God's Word instead of the twisted contemporary voice of our day. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38). If one feeds upon lust, we know the automatic consequence. "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14,15).

To ruin one of the most precious relationships between husband and wife, all Satan must do is move the sex relationship forward prior to marriage or involve another partner. "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints" (Ephesians 5:3). "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body" (I Corinthians 6:18). "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will

judge” (Hebrews 13:4). No one (saved or unsaved) escapes the damaging consequences of illicit sex. Remember King David?

Parents

Here and now I want to insert just a few lines about the parental role in the sex education of children. Parents are automatically teaching sex to their developing children. They should answer all questions honestly in a loving and natural manner. Be alert and honest, directing your children to emotional maturity. The attitude of the parents toward one another is vital. Children’s greatest understanding of sex stems from that which they sense in the relationship between their father and mother. How grateful children should be if their parents enjoy their respective roles. In these days of supposedly needed fulfillment as a woman, how refreshing to meet a mother who glories in the fact that she is a wife and mother and all else falls far below this priority in her life. Vivian Zeigler put it this way: “The reassuring fact is that if you as a parent accept your own sexuality and find joy in using it as a method of expression of love to your mate, you have very actively been giving sex education to your children since their birth in a positive, spontaneous, healthful, and God-intended way.” As a Christian, your body does not belong to you. Two persons are to possess it. One is your husband or wife and the other is the Lord Himself (I Corinthians 7:4; 6:19, 20).

Continual Solicitation

Let me ask you a few questions. By your answer, you will be brought to the consciousness of personal responsibility for sexual solicitation.

1. What TV programs are you watching?
2. Attend Hollywood movies? Few, if any, fail to have illicit sex scenes, nudity, vulgar language, and violence.
3. What magazines are you reading?
4. Are you involved with pornographic magazines? The same content on TV or on videos at places where you want no one to know?

The Bible tells us that Joseph was solicited for a sexual relationship with Potiphar’s wife. She pressured him day by day. My gentleman friend, how many days for you to have surrendered to this adulterous woman? Notice Joseph’s evaluation of sex sins: “There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife; how then CAN I DO THIS GREAT WICKEDNESS, AND SIN AGAINST GOD?” (Genesis 39:9). David did not share this same attitude when upon the rooftop at the wrong time. Nakedness and sex go together. (As if you did not already know this!) Men and women are to see the nakedness of only one person during their lifetime – their spouse. In chapter 18 of Leviticus we learn that nudity is not to be seen between parents and children, immediate family members, or our kinfolk. In this same chapter, homosexuality and bestiality are mentioned. If God says no to such nudity, since when has God’s standard changed for our day and generation? God pity the woman

walking down the street showing off only that which her future or present husband is to see. Such provocative or lack of covering makes her a partner of lust! O how tolerant we have become when God calls for modest clothing for women. Any question as to the reason for this admonition? (I Timothy 2:9). What a difference in marriage if all these scriptures were obeyed.

Cleansing from Sin

Of course, God forgives all sin, but the consequences of it in our mind and body continues. *The SEX EDUCATION needed today is a clear call for chastity.* Let us declare to the ends of the earth, for the welfare of those involved, not to mention their children and grandchildren, there is to be NO SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE. As a Christian, you can believe and obey. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1 :9)~ If you are cleansed, sex sins will become offensive because of your clean position before the Lord. If you have not trusted Christ as Savior, you must repent of your sin (tell on yourself to God), turn to Him for deliverance, and believe in the finished work of Christ to make you acceptable to a holy God. “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36). The consequence of such change wrought by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit is declared in II Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

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