

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God made man (and woman) to be fruitful together, to have children, and to take dominion as stewards of the earth.

God created man and woman with a sexual nature, and it was pure in his sight, made for pleasure and procreation within the marriage of the two.

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Loneliness and need were present in a perfect environment, in the midst of a vibrant relationship with God.

Genesis 2:21-24

²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. ²³ The man 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." ²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The sexual union was the original consummation of marriage, and there was no shame in it, or in full vulnerability with the other person.

And then....sin.

Genesis 3:7-9

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. ⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Since that day, the knowledge that we are naked comes when sin springs to life, normally in early childhood.

The impulse suddenly becomes to cover up! It is the first sign of lost innocence.

Since that day, the same sin that caused us to cover up, tempts us to uncover nakedness immodestly.

Uncovering our own nakedness impurely, or any nakedness NOT YOUR OWN is the beginning of all sexual perversion.

Leviticus 18:8

⁸ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

Stats: 12% of all websites are pornographic, of 18 billion, 216 million porn sites; kids avg first exposure at 11, 1 in 5 females looking at it weekly, 2 in 3 men, with Christian men pacing with lost men, while Christian women are at half.

Where does the appeal stem from?

FORBIDDEN FRUIT

2 Peter 1:4

⁴For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

I want to see it and act upon the impulse because sin in me wants to pursue the things God has forbidden.

Genesis 3:6

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food [Satisfaction], and that it was a delight to the eyes [Beauty], and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise [Intrigue], she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Satisfaction: I lust for it because it appears to meet a most basic need and will bring sexual fulfillment.

Beauty: I lust for it because it has none of the imperfections of real life, and lets me live out my fantasies.

Intrigue: I lust for it because it is always mysterious, illicit, full of unknowns, and therefore, more exciting than real life.

Dismantling the lies with truth

Satisfaction

Proverbs 5:1-5, 11-14

⁵ My son, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding; ²That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge. ³For the lips of an adulteress drip honey And smoother than oil is her speech; ⁴But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. ⁵Her feet go down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol.

¹¹And you groan at your final end, When your flesh and your body are consumed; ¹²And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof! ¹³"I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors! ¹⁴"I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

The adulteress is bitter, and the internet sex machine woman will drive a sword through your soul and drag you into hell.

Only the woman (or man) of God's perfect design will bring true sexual fulfillment.

Beauty

Proverbs 6:23-26

²³ For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life ²⁴To keep you from the evil woman, From the smooth tongue of the adulteress. ²⁵ Do not desire her beauty in your heart, Nor let her capture you with her eyelids. ²⁶ For on account of a harlot *one is reduced* to a loaf of bread, And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.

Her beauty (or his handsomeness) is superficial- she is evil! To engage with her will make your precious life nearly worthless.

A godly man or woman is the definition of true beauty- a person with unshakeable character, who wants to be with you.

Intrigue

Proverbs 5:18-19

¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. ¹⁹ As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.

Proverbs 5:15

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern And fresh water from your own well.

The greatest satisfaction and highest exhilaration sexually are only know within a loving, faithful marriage.

Marriage is trading mystery for intimacy, and intimacy means we are fully known by each other.

In singleness, give your heart, soul and mind to the Lord to love Him first. He will tend to all the needs of your heart!

Ephesians 5:11-14

¹¹ Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ¹² for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. ¹⁴ For this reason it says,

“Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.”