

Straight Talk - Dare to be Disciplined No. 6 - "Straight Talk about Sex"

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Scripture is not bashful when it comes to talking about sex. Sexuality is not dirty, but has been created by God to be a healthy part of our lives. Unfortunately, many have perverted what God meant for good. Recapturing a biblical view of sexuality is a great starting point for holy living.

Here are a couple of foundational basics:

- We were created as sexual beings designed to *experience intimacy*.
- Sexual intimacy was shaped by God to be shared in the *covenant relationship of marriage*.

1. God's Design and Use of Sexuality (Proverbs 5)

- A. It causes *great joy!* (Proverbs 5:18)
- B. It gives *deep satisfaction*. (Proverbs 5:19)
- C. It *captivates us*. (Proverbs 5:20)
- D. It's worth *protecting with tall fences*. (Proverbs 5:7-14)

2. Sexuality Misused (Proverbs 7)

What God created for pleasure and joy, man has degraded and ruined. Here are five reasons why sexuality is misused:

- 1. *We can still be spiritual*. (Proverbs 7:14)
- 2. *This person makes me happy!* (Proverbs 7:15)
- 3. It's *exciting*. (Proverbs 7:16-17)
- 4. It's *real love! I feel it!* (Proverbs 7:18)
- 5. We'll *never get caught!* (Proverbs 7:19-20)

Sexuality abused has a high price - *It kills!* (Proverbs 7:26)

But sexuality God's way brings *life!* (Proverbs 5:19)

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