

Hello Everyone,

I was reading an article from apologeticspress.org that is titled "Does Christianity produce 'Sexual Misery' " and had a few comments on the article. There is an interesting point that I thought about with regard to the article (shown below). What people are looking for is sex without consequences, relationship, and responsibility. What I mean is sex outside of marriage does not require a meaningful, heart-to-heart relationship as it does within a marriage. For sex to continue in marriage, one needs to have a caring, loving, understanding, meaningful and heart-to-heart relationship with ones spouse. If one does not show concern, respect, and a truly interested "listening ear" to their spouse, sex will cease to exist within a marriage. I believe this is something God designed marriage to be and reveals something about himself and our relationship with God. In the Bible many times our relationship with God is referred to as a marriage, something that requires two people to work together as one body and I must say with my wife that is very difficult thing to do, and I have found the same with my relationship with God, it is very difficult to do. God desires to have a relationship with us that is intimate, he knows the desires and thoughts of our heart, and he desires to hold us in his hands to love and protect us, unfortunately as sinners, we need discipline which sometimes can seem as if God is not protecting us as he should be. The point in discipline is that God causes us to go through various trials and hardships in our life to help us to grow spiritually in preparation for eternity. (Look at the Psalms how God reveals himself to us in the emotions of the writer).

Now, back to the topic of sex within a marriage and that article (shown below). Sex within a marriage is not a function of being rich or poor, it is a function of ones relationship with their spouse, and when we get to the point where we say things which are hurtful, or show a disinterest or no concern for our spouse, sex can become a tool for power and control. That is why people want sex outside of marriage; they don't have to deal with the tough, difficult issues, responsibilities that come with having to live with someone else till death due they part, in sickness and in health, etc. I believe if two people (heterosexual, husband/wife, male/female in marriage) are willing to recognize that they are sinners, and work to love and forgive each other daily, they can have a wonderful sex life that is very fulfilling.

Now, on the other hand, for those people who are not Christians, who can not recognize they are sinners and do not have the love of Jesus in their heart to love and forgive daily, I can see that within marriage, if one doesnt love and forgive there would be "sexual misery" as that article states. Without Jesus to change ones heart it is impossible to live the kind of life the Bible shows us we should live, and the kind of relationship we are supposed to have with our spouse, and the kind of relationship we are to have with God. It is only when God's Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us that we can get a glimpse of eternity, love, grace and forgiveness God intended us to have for eachother.

There really seems to be inadequate development in Christians today especially in the area of marriage, all one has to do is look at the high divorce rate in Christians couples today. I can not stress enough if you are about to be married please prepare for your marriage. Get books on how to prepare, what to look for, what to do, etc. I certainly had a lot to learn and am still learning, I only wish someone would have stressed more

strongly that I should prepare for marriage like I am preparing for an exam in school, and how important it really is.

I recommend a book called "**Bold Love**" by **Dan B. Allender, Tremper, III Longman**, this book is awesome, the authors were truly inspired by the Holy Spirit of God when they penned the words in this book.

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua ...

Sincerely,

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Even though most Christians in twenty-first-century America recognize that we live in a sex-

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crazed society, it seems we rarely consider how Divine regulations concerning "sexual relations" are a chief reason why unbelievers reject Christianity. It has long been understood that some unbelievers refuse to accept the Bible as a God-inspired text because it would require them to live according to a set moral standard. Now, author Chaz Bufe has specifically mentioned "sexual misery" as a negative by-product of Christianity, and one of the main reasons why Christ and His doctrine should be rejected. In a pamphlet he wrote titled *20 Reasons to Abandon Christianity*, Bufe listed "Christianity produces sexual misery" as reason number ten. He stated:

In addition to the misery produced by authoritarian Christian intrusions into the sex lives of non-Christians, Christianity produces great misery among its own adherents through its insistence that sex (except the very narrow variety it sanctions) is evil, against God's law. Christianity proscribes sex between unmarried people, sex outside of marriage, homosexual relations, bestiality, and even "impure" sexual thoughts. Indulging in such things can and will, in the conventional Christian view, lead straight to hell (n.d.).

One thing that Chaz got correct is that engaging in sexual relations outside of a lawful marriage is "against God's law" (cf. Matthew 19:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21). And, as the writer of Hebrews warned, "[F]ornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4; cf. Corinthians 5:10). But who actually are the miserable ones when it comes to sexual relations? Are those who submit to God's laws on the matter suffering great "sexual misery," or are the ones who live sexually promiscuous lives the actual ones who experience misery?

Truly, it is the sexually immoral who often suffer from various disorders caused by their licentious behavior. According to the American Center for Disease Control (CDC), more than 65 million people (or 22% of the U.S. population) live with one or more incurable sexually transmitted diseases ("Tracking...", 2004). Those who refuse to abide by God's laws pertaining to sexual relations risk becoming one of these infected ones, who frequently suffer with lesions, warts, and genital inflammation, and may also experience pain while urinating or during sexual intercourse. Women with various STDs sometimes suffer with pelvic inflammation, cancer, infertility, and can even have problems with pregnancy and childbirth. Bufe contends that "Christianity produces sexual misery," yet those who live according to God's standards of morality are not the ones experiencing the debilitating effects of an ungodly, permissive sexual lifestyle.

Granted, the Christian life is not a walk in the park. Jesus' way is "difficult" (Matthew 7:14). The disciple of Christ is instructed to "deny himself" sinful pleasures (Matthew 16:24) and "imitate" Jesus, the sinless One (1 Peter 2:21-22; 1 Corinthians 11:1). Sexual temptation certainly can be hard to resist, especially as an adolescent. But, the so-called "misery" that Christians go through when resisting the lust of the flesh in no way compares to the misery of the sexually immoral. Abiding by any number of laws can be difficult. One person may constantly get frustrated by having to abide by speed limits, while another may get irritated with various tax laws. People who want to lose weight must set dietary rules for themselves. Following these rules can be **very** trying (as most all who have tried to lose weight can attest), involving self-denial, self-control, and self-discipline. However, eventually, restricted eating habits will lead to one becoming much healthier. Similarly, the difficulties in restraining oneself sexually in order to comply with God's laws regarding marriage can eventually lead to a great sexual relationship with one's lawful



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spouse, not to mention a stronger relationship with God. What's more, a child of God has the promise that "God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Without question, God's way concerning sexual relations is the best way, and the right way. The fact that unbelievers list "sexual misery" as one of the top twenty reasons to reject Christianity simply reveals how weak their case really is against Christianity, as well as how easily they overlook problems that arise (e.g., STDs) from living lives contrary to God's will.

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