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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Why Sex & Sexuality: The Marriage Of A Husband & A Wife

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Ephesians 5:21-28

Submitting to one another in the fear of God. :22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. :25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Why Sex and Sexuality The Marriage Of A Husband And A Wife

1.) What is marriage?

It is the "connecting of", the "becoming one" of -- two separate human beings into a union of one.

Marriage demands a "spiritual consideration". (even atheists experience the unusualness of marriage)

Consider the "bonding agents" if you would.

- 1.) The conversational glue or "soul" side of the relationship.
- 2.) The physical appreciation of the other.
- 3.) The drive to please the other.
- 4.) The desire to sacrifice for the other.
- 5.) The agreed & sovereign act of going public.
- 6.) The decision to invest in the success of it all.
- 7.) The forsaking of all others for this one.
- 8.) The determination to endure the seasons of life.
- 9.) The maintaining of a marriage.
- 10.) The last lap.

What's amazing about marriage, is that it mimics the Christian life and experience.

Ephesians 5:28-32

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. **30** For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. **31** "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." **32** This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

"Marriage: it is both the volunteering enslavement to another and the adoption of the responsibility."

Jordan Peterson,

Clinical psychologist, University of Toronto Canada

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2.) Is there a need for marriage today?

Yes. Always.

Because the desire to love and be loved is the (highest) meaning to human life.

Yes. Always. Because the desire to create a family is imprinted

in the human heart of man.

Yes. Always.

Because the institution of marriage is the most stabilizing reality for a man or woman.

Mike Mason in his book titled *The Mystery of Marriage* says: "Marital love is like death. It takes all of us."

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3.) Why is marriage such a dynamic?

Marriage is the single most challenging / difficult experience in this world - if you're going to do it right.

Marriage requires the death of you, the cost of you, the expense of you - - for the betterment of your spouse.

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