

sermon notes

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April 3, 2024 | “Marriage and Sexual Intimacy”

Five Biblical Principles on Sexual Intimacy:

- 1) Sexual intimacy is a _____ gift
(Gen 1:26–28; 2:24; 1 Cor 7:6–7)
- 2) Sexual intimacy is a _____ gift
(Prov 5:15–20; 30:18 –19; Song 7:6–12)
- 3) Sexual intimacy is intended for _____
(Song 1:1 –17; 4:16 –5:1; 7:1–8:4)
- 4) Sexual intimacy is a _____ thing
(1 Cor 7:1–5, 9)
- 5) Sexual intimacy is an _____ thing
(1 Thes 4:3–8; Heb 13:4)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Why do you think God included the Song of Solomon as part of the Scriptures? How does the Song of Solomon differ from the world’s view of sexuality? How does it differ from some “religious” views on sexuality?

Explain how the gospel (our faith in Christ’s atoning work on the cross as a payment for sin) informs and directs our sex lives. Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in the pursuit of God-honoring sexual intimacy.

How should the church affirm biblical truth concerning marriage and sexuality? How do married couples affirm this? How do singles affirm this? How should we address these subjects with children and teenagers?

GET PERSONAL

Is there a place for ongoing romance and passion in a marriage? In what ways can a marriage grow more romantic, passionate, and intimate over time? What are some things that inhibit that?

Wives, give your husband a helpful list of simple, practical ways that he can display love and tenderness towards you. Men, what are some ways that you have succeeded in being romantic with your wife? What are some of your romantic failures? How important are words of admiration to your spouse?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read Song of Solomon 7:1–8:4 with your spouse. Husbands, what are some things that you notice about how the husband in this book interacts with his wife? Wives, list some ways that this wife responds to and delights her husband. What are some practical takeaways from this passage that you can apply in your marriage? List 3 or 4 things.

ADVANCED QUESTION #1

What are the dangers of allegorizing the book of Song of Solomon? Is there a sense in which marriage typifies Christ’s love for his church? If so, how does Song of Solomon fit into that typology? Jesus says of the OT Scriptures that these are the Scriptures “that bear witness about me” (John 5:39). Can that be said about the Song of Solomon? If so, how?

ADVANCED QUESTION #2

Take a look at all the articles in “the Nashville Statement” online: <https://cbmw.org/nashville-statement/>. Read these articles out loud or with another trusted conversation partner. How do these statements affirm Biblical truth?