

Series Title: "Tightening The Knot"

Sermon Title: "God's Design For Sexual Intimacy"
(Part 2)

Sermon Text: I Corinthians 7:1-7

Introduction/Review:

I. The Limitations Of Sexual Intimacy (7:1-2)

Principle #1 - A Healthy Sex Life Is A Preventive for Immorality (v 2a)

Principle #2 - The Norm Is That Christians Will Marry And Will Enjoy Regular Sexual Relations (v 2b)

Principle #3 - Sex Within Marriage Provides _____ From Sexual _____
(vv 8-9)

II. The _____ Of Sexual Intimacy (7:3-4)

Principle #1 - Sexual Intimacy Is An _____ That Each Partner Is Called To _____ For The Other (v 3)

- The word translated "duty" literally means "_____" and it refers to an _____, or a _____.

"Paul is saying that sexual intimacy is like an indebtedness that each partner is called to fulfill for the other. It is a debt of love in God's economy of marriage."

- Husbands and wives have _____ before the Lord to fulfill the sexual needs and desires of their spouse.
- _____
- God's kind of love and marriage is a lifetime of growing together and _____.

- Physical relations within marriage are not simply a privilege and a pleasure, but a _____.

“God made the sexual union of husband and wife to be both pure and pleasurable; both sacred and satisfying.”

- **There is no place for _____ in marriage! There is no such thing as a _____ marriage in God’s plan!**

Principle #2 - _____ Is The Fundamental Ingredient To _____ Sexual Intimacy In Marriage. (v4)

- The Greek word translated “authority” is a word that means “_____.”
- _____
- What does the present tense of the phrase “to have authority over,” indicate?

“Thinking of this verse as giving license to the husband to demand sex whenever he wants it is to destroy the whole beauty of sex in marriage.”

- Meeting each other’s sexual needs is far more than a burdensome obligation; it is an act of _____ and _____ as each seeks to fulfill the debt of love.
- _____
- **By implication, Paul is teaching husbands and wives that sex, apart from biblical _____, is self-centered pleasure seeking!**

“The purpose of sex is to glorify God, express intimacy, provide comfort, bring forth children and bless the spouse.”

- **Sex was never intended to be _____ -oriented but _____ -oriented.**
- Consistent sexual _____ will destroy intimacy between a husband and a wife!

Conclusion:

“Devote yourself to the enjoyment of your mate, and to giving him or her the most exquisite sense of pleasure that you can and you will find your own needs met!”