

## Christ, Culture, & The Cross

### Two Key Questions

1) Is \_\_\_\_\_ . . . A \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Proverbs 5:15-19 & Song of Solomon 5:10-16 & 7:1-13/*Sheet Music* (Kevin Lehman); *The Great Sex Rescue* (Sheila Wray Gregoire); *The Good Guy's Guide To Great Sex* (Sheila Wray Gregoire & Dr. Keith Gregoire); *The Good Girl's Guide To Great Sex* (Sheila Wray Gregoire); *God, Sex and Your Marriage* (Dr. Juli Slattery)

Each partner in marriage is to be most concerned not with getting sexual pleasure but with *giving* it. In short, the greatest sexual pleasure should be the pleasure of seeing your spouse getting pleasure. When you get to the place where giving arousal is the most arousing thing, you are practicing this principle . . .

This concept also has implications for the typical problem that many couples experience in their marital relationship—namely, that one person wants sex more than the other. If your main purpose in sex is giving pleasure, not getting pleasure, then a person who doesn't have much of a sex drive physically can give to the other person as a gift. This is a legitimate act of love and it shouldn't be denigrated by saying, "Oh, no, no. Unless you're going to be all passionate, don't do it." Do it as a gift.

(Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*, pgs. 233-234)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_ . . . Your \_\_\_\_\_ ?

*Sex & The Single Life* (Michael Yearley)/*The Final Freedom & Steps To Freedom* (Douglas Weiss)

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### *Sex & The City (Part 2)*

1 Corinthians 7:1-7

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### Phil's Story

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*The Letter of 1 Corinthians*

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### *Sex & The City (Part 2)*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is A \_\_\_\_\_.

How beautiful you are and how pleasing,  
my love, with your delights!

Your stature is like that of the palm,  
and your breasts like clusters of fruit.

I said, "I will climb the palm tree;  
I will take hold of its fruit."

May your breasts be like clusters of grapes on the vine,  
the fragrance of your breath like apples,  
and your mouth like the best wine.

May the wine go straight to my beloved,  
flowing gently over lips and teeth.

(Song of Solomon 7:6-9)

The old Christian teachers said that if man had never fallen, sexual pleasure, instead of being less than it is now, would actually have been greater. I know some muddle-headed Christians have talked as if Christianity thought that sex, or the body, or pleasure were bad in themselves. But they were wrong. Christianity is almost the only one of the great religions that thoroughly approves of the body . . . Christianity has glorified marriage more than any other religion: and nearly all the greatest love poetry in the world has been produced by Christians. If anyone says that sex, in itself, is bad, Christianity contradicts him at once.

(C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_.

Given its intensity, our sex drive can lay waste to everything in its path including honor, reputation, families, virginity, fidelity, chastity, good intentions, lifelong promises, and spiritual commitments.

(Dr. Archibald Hart, quoted in,  
*Sex and the Single Person*, by Robert (Bob) DeMoss Jr., p. 29)

It's tempting to believe that love sanctifies sex. But that's a fallacy. Sex, even in the context of a caring and loving relationship, will forever change the dynamics of that relationship. Sexual intercourse draws us into the profound mystery of a "one flesh" reality. It is meant to unite and bond in a deep and wonderful way. But there's a hitch. Sex outside the lifelong covenant of permanence and fidelity sets up expectations and creates needs that almost always dismantle the relationship.

(Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott, *Relationships*)