

REMINDER:

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PURITY #4 Purity 4 Passion

BIG IDEA: Purity is the old spice needed for a lasting passionate marriage.

ICE BREAKER

1. Married men...what first attracted you to your wife? Single men...what attracts you to a woman?
2. Married women...what first attracted you to your husband? Single ladies...what attracts you to a man?
3. In what ways are men and women different in their attractions to each other?

THINK

1. Explain if you agree or disagree with the following statement..."Women are more attracted emotionally and men are more attracted physically."
2. Why do you think God made men and women different?
3. If God created sex (which He did), then why do you think our society will so openly discuss sexual matters but the subject seems to be very "hush hush" in the church?

EXAMINE

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

1. Why does God want marriage to be honored?
2. How do we honor marriage?
3. Why do you think the Hebrew writer mentions "the marriage bed" in relationship to honoring marriage?
4. How do you keep the marriage bed pure?
5. Why does God not allow "free sex" and "open marriages"?
6. What would that do to the passion a husband and wife should have for each other?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-8 from the NIV or NLT and answer the following questions.

1. Why does Paul say it is good not to have sexual relations and to remain single like him?
2. What reason does Paul give for getting married?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that the husband and wife should fulfill their marital duties to each other?
4. How do you feel about **verse 4**? Ladies first...then men. Any difference?
5. What reason does Paul give for depriving each other of sexual intimacy?

THIS WEEK: Read **Ephesians 5** together as a married couple or as a single person who might be considering marriage. The first 20 verse speak to us about personal purity in the way we live our lives. The remainder of the chapter speaks to the purity and passion of a godly marriage. Paul explains that this marriage and this union of a man and a woman coming together and becoming one flesh was just a picture of something far greater. That somehow Christ and his church would become one in this marriage and they would be one flesh in the same way a husband and wife become one flesh. So understand that this is not just about your marriage. Your marriage is pointing to something greater just like the temple and the sacrifices were pointing to something greater. We are supposed to show the world a picture of Jesus Christ by the way we love our spouse and are faithful to them. This week give yourself completely to your spouse as an example of how Christ has given Himself to you. That purity promotes real passion!