

Clarifying Common Myths About: Dating Before Marriage

Growing in Physical Intimacy

- Where is the reference in the bible?

Christ's Definition of .1 Adultery

- “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

Matthew 5:28-29

Christ Approve of All Sexual Contact in MARRIAGE

- 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? Mathew 19:5
- Gen 2:24
- Matt 19:5
- MR 10:7
- Eph 5:31

St. Paul: Repeats

- *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. 1 COR 7:1-2

The Claim: Kissing, .2 Hugging and Holding Hands are *Innocent*

- Science proves that this claim is absolutely wrong.
- God speaks
 - “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God”
Thessalonians 4:2-3
 - “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you”
Ephesians 5:3

The Issue of “Mutual .3 .” Consent

- It is biblically important in marriage
- Absolutely not enough before marriage
- In marriage emphasis is on deprivation
- God give authority to each of the couple
- Before Marriage physical intimacy is objectively morally wrong. That’s why the world feels that mutual consent is needed.

The Issue of “Mutual .3 .” Consent

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body[a] and in your spirit, which are God’s.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

STOP Yourself Safely “ .4 .” Before the Slippery Slope

- 4 things are unpredictable
- “Yes four which I do not understand;

The way of an eagle in the air,

The way of a serpent on a rock,

The way of a ship in the midst of the sea,

And the way of a man with a virgin“

Proverbs 30:19

5. There are Lots of Opinions (Father of Confession, ...)

- God Speaks
- “16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

- 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness”; [[a](#)] 20 and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” [**b**] 21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:

1 Corinthians 3:16-21

The Issue of Removing .6

Guilt

- Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
- Genesis 3:1-6

”The Issue of “In my opinion .7



In the Orthodox church we never go by our own opinion but by the collective church fathers' opinion in .interpreting the biblical teachings