

# *Sexuality*

*The Difference between  
Love and Maturity vs. Sexuality*



Lesson 2 Grade 7



# *The Reality of the World We Live In*

- ❑ **Over \$450 million will be spent this year on sex-ed, most of it centering on “safe sex”**
- ❑ **The world’s version of safe sex is not based on morality at all...the motto is, “If you can’t be good, then be careful.”**
- ❑ **Biblical morality is laughed at, belittled, called archaic, and old-fashioned**





# *Did you know . . . .*



- ❑ Sex is the #1 seller of everything from beer to perfume to jeans, shampoo, and even breakfast cereal.
- ❑ 65% of Christian teens have had some kind of sexual experience before the age of 18
  - ❑ 43% say they have actually gone all the way
  - ❑ 73% of those teens said they learned these values “from the movies”
  - ❑ Of the 35% who had no experience, the vast majority said the reason was because of a commitment they have made to God





# Difference Between True Love and Evil Lust



**LUST**

Feelings, decisions, commitment, actions and responsibilities

**LOVE**

**Sensual and irresponsible attraction on the level of the body**



**Self-sacrificial commitment to give unconditionally**





# Sexuality



- In Christianity, sexual relationship is designed by God for marriage only
  - *“Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled” (Hebrews 13:4).*
  - *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh” (Ephesians 5:31).*





# Sexuality



- God's version of safe sex is abstinence until marriage
  - *“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11).*
- Sex is not a physical act alone
  - There is a spiritual and emotional dimension to sex





# *Immorality*



- **“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality” (1 Thessalonians 4:3).**
- **Consider an ice cream sundae:**
  - **Bowl – intellectual union**
  - **Ice cream – emotional union (turns to love)**
  - **Toppings – spiritual union (share goals and dreams)**
  - **Whipped Cream – physical union after marriage**





# *Immorality*



## **Five Dangers of Pre-Marital Sex:**

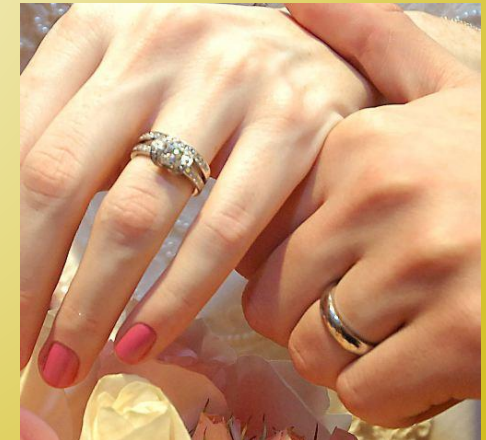
- 1. Counterfeit Love**
- 2. Emotional Consequences**
- 3. Physical Consequences**
- 4. Marital Consequences**
- 5. Spiritual Consequences**





# *Characteristics of Christian Marital Love*

- ❑ **Self-sacrificing**
- ❑ **Strong; draws upon divine love**
- ❑ **Accepts the loved one as he/she is**
- ❑ **Sanctifies physical instincts**
- ❑ **Modest, not rash or offending; capable of passing through hardships**
- ❑ **Comprehensive**





# Action Plan



- **Protect your mind**
  - **The eye-gate and the ear-gate are the pathways to the mind**
  - **Keep away from music whose theme is predominantly lust and sex**
  - **Don't watch TV or movies that involve sexuality**
- **Guard your heart and seek purity**
- **Redirect your emotions to God, to His service, and serving others**

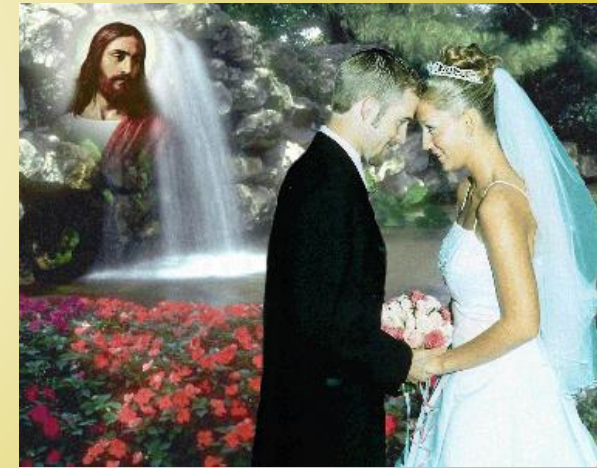




# Conclusion



- **In a Christian marriage:**
  - **Man and woman become one flesh and their union is sealed with the Holy Spirit living in them**
  - **Man does not only satisfy physical and worldly needs, but also spiritual needs and an eternal love**
- **Christian marital love follows the pattern of the Lord's love to the Church**
  - *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her” (Ephesians 5:25).*
- **Sacrificial Christian love helps us develop a loving relationship with God**





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# Questions?

