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**Husbands, love your wives, just as
Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her**

EPHESIANS 5:25



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**to make her holy, cleansing her by
the washing with water through
the Word,**

EPHESIANS 5:26



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and to present her to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

EPHESIANS 5:27



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In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

EPHESIANS 5:28



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After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the Church —

EPHESIANS 5:29



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for we are members of His Body.

EPHESIANS 5:30



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“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

EPHESIANS 5:31



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“If Christianity doesn’t have something to say about sex and family in contemporary America, Christianity really doesn’t have much to say about contemporary America, period.”

GREG FORSTER



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**“The world needs our witness on
sexuality like never before.”**

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Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18



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Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19



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**you were bought at a price. Therefore
honor God with your bodies.**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:20



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“Sexual hedonism gives sex too little importance. It treats the body as nothing more than a physical organism driven by physical urges.”

NANCY PEARCEY



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“It deprives sex of its depth by detaching it from its meaning as self-giving between a man and a woman committed to building an entire life together.”

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Now for the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”

1 CORINTHIANS 7:1



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But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:2



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The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3



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The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:4



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Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:5



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**Then come together again so that
Satan will not tempt you because
of your lack of self-control.**

1 CORINTHIANS 7:5



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I say this as a concession, not as a command.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:6



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I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:7



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*Sex is good. That's God's design
and the testimony of the entire Bible.
Sex in marriage is one of the ways
that we redeem God's good creation.*



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**“God made us sexual creatures;
and because God made us so, sex
is good. Within Christian marriage
it is the most intimate celebration
of life together in Christ.”**

GORDON FEE



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**Some people conclude
that the sexual
maelstrom requires
sexual abstinence. (7:1)**



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**“Sexual abstinence within
marriage is a bad idea.”**

DENNY BURK



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**God declares that
husbands and wives
belong to each other,
including sexually. (7:2-4)**



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

HEBREWS 13:4



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“Paul put the sexual genie into the bottle of marriage. The Bible was saying that all of a man’s erotic desire, affection, and sexual energy should be focused on his wife.”

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“That sparked a dramatic social transformation and had an enormous impact in elevating the status of both women and marriage.”

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Our greatest fulfillment is not what we get out of sex from our spouse, but what we give through sex to our spouse.



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*Video: Conflict & Communication
about Sex*



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“Paul stresses the importance of giving rather than getting. Neither wives nor husbands have the right to use their bodies completely as they will. They have obligations to one another.”

LEON MORRIS



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*Video: Sexual Joy & Preparation in
Marriage*



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“Sex is God’s appointed way for two people to say reciprocally to one another, ‘I belong completely, permanently, and exclusively to you.’”

TIM KELLER



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“Sexual intercourse is a reiteration of the [marriage] union, a kind of renewing of vows. As a couple clings to each other in this way, they signal once again that they belong to each other.”

RUSSELL MOORE



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**“This is a sign of the Gospel.
Monogamy and fidelity don’t restrict
sexual freedom; they fuel it.”**

RUSSELL MOORE



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“In a marriage as defined by Christ, we do not love each other because we find each other sexually attractive, but the other way around. In the freedom of fidelity, pleasure awakens.”

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God declares that
sex in marriage is
relationally healthy
and spiritually
vital. (7:5)



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“Sex is what goes wrong first and worst for fallen man. If sex is a portrait of the Gospel, it’s a living embodiment of what Satan hates most of all.”

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“It would only make sense if he invested more effort in disfiguring that portrait than in any of the other ways he attacks us.”

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Video: A Mindset of Service



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“Sex is something each partner ‘owes’ to the other. So it should never be used as a bribe or reward for good behavior or as something to be withheld as a threat or punishment.”

CRAIG BLOMBERG



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“Husband and wife alike must be sensitive to the emotional and physical states of each other and not insist on sex on demand.”

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*Satan works overtime to get couples
in bed before they get married
and to keep them out of bed
after they get married.*



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Paul commends the
gift of chastity in
singleness and fidelity
in marriage. (7:6,7)



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“What we really need is for Christians to become models of marital blessing. Our neighbors won’t find the marriage message plausible until they see, in practice, how lifetime monogamous marriage is a blessing.”

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“Sex is meant to be a profound connection of two persons. When people witness the loving, faithful relationship between husband and wife, they are meant to see a picture of how much God loves His people.”

NANCY PEARCEY



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**Ongoing sexual intimacy
in marriage celebrates
God's design and
undermines the devil.**



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