



Joy & Pleasure

- What is joy, pleasure satisfaction?
- They all arise from the same source.
- First God created a need and a desire
- Fulfillment = joy pleasure and satisfaction
- Once we identify our deepest needs, we will also identify our greatest pleasures.
- Needs created by heredity and environment.
- Natural proclivities, & peers, culture, customs

Sources of Joy & Pleasure

Live joyfully with your Wife

- *Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your life of vanity, which he has given you under the sun, for that is your portion in life, and in your labor Ecc 9:9*
- **There is great joy and pleasure in living with the wife you love ... it is your portion in life.**
- **At the creation, this is made clear.**

The Mystery of Creation

- *"It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him. Gen 2:18*
- *The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." ... be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. Gen 2:22-25*
- *This is a great mystery, Eph 5:32*

Many Joys / Pleasures in Marriage

- The joy of sharing and solving problems.
- The joy of sharing a savoring victories.
- The joy of having children and enjoying a loving family unit.
- The joy of growing closer, more love, commitment, satisfaction and contentment
- The joy and pleasure of sexual intimacy.
- Why did God put such intense pleasure in this act?
- A gift to those He joins as one flesh.

Sexual Pleasure Outside Marriage

- **MEN:**

- *You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,*

- *I made a covenant with mine eyes; How then should I look upon a virgin? Job 31:1*

- *You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery: 28 but I say unto you, that every one that looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. Mt 5:27-28*

- We have all noted that these commands are directed to men. Why are women excluded?

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- **WOMEN:**

- *more bitter than death The woman whose heart is snares and nets, Whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God shall escape from her, But the sinner shall be trapped by her. Eccl 7:26*

- *To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress Pr 2:16*

- *To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress. 25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. Pr 6:24-25*

- *the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. 7:10*



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Potiphar's Wife

- *And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, Gen 39:7*



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- Women struggle with being desired putting on the "Attire of a harlot" Pr. 7:10
- **BUT MEN CAN TOO**
- No two people share the same degree of lust.
- Each must learn to identify, repent, remove and live pure and holy.

Possess your own Vessel

- *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 1Th. 4:3-8*

Possess your own Vessel

For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. 1Th. 4:3-8

Older Women Train Younger Women

- *aged women ... train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: Titus 2:1-5*
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Those who are Fully Trained

✦ *1 Tim 2:9-10*

✦ *women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; (ASV)*

✦ *adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, (NKJ)*

✦ *adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, (NAS)*

✦ *dress modestly, with decency and propriety, (NIV)*

Sexual Pleasure Outside Marriage

- *Now she who is really a widow, ... but she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. 1Tim. 5:5-7*
- *those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, 14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. 2Pet. 2:13-14*

The Emotions/Desires are Key

- *lest again when I come my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed. 2 Cor 12:21*
- *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are (these): fornication uncleanness lasciviousness. Gal 5:19*
- *Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication uncleanness passion evil desire ... Col 3:5*

Whether Desire or Being Desired

- ❑ Never Forget – This is a God's gift for those who are married.
 - ❑ Anything thoughts, desires, actions entertainment outside of marriage
 - ❑ A grievous sin
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