

PURE

Takeaways

God designed sex to be special. He designed it to be intimate. And beginning in Genesis, He designed it to be between a man and woman, engaged both emotionally and physically within their marriage.

The following ideas and questions from the message Pure Sex by Steven Gibbs are great guidelines for your daily prayer and quiet time with God this week.

Supporting verses from Pure Sex: Genesis 2:21, Hebrews 3:14, 1 Corinthians 6:16-18, Song of Songs Ch. 7 and 1 Corinthians Ch. 7

1. **One Flesh (Genesis 2:21, Hebrews 3:14)**

In the passages from Genesis and Hebrews, God sets the clear guideline sex is to exist in marriage between one man and one woman. What do you think today's culture would be like if we upheld this command?

2. **Experience and Separation (1 Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1-40)**

For women, sex is about the experience while men see sex as an event. When you engage in sex before or outside of the marriage relationship you strain this natural perspective. Women feel less valuable and men see sex as less special because sex outside of marriage takes away from the real experience God intends for us. Finally, sex outside of marriage creates separation from God unlike any other sin because it is truly in direct opposition to His command.

During the next seven days, commit to praying to God for Him to reveal any areas that need healing in your current relationship due to past choices.

Also, if you have sons and/or daughters, pray for God's wisdom and timing around talking about His true desire and intentions with them. Check out Steven's blog or contact Christy Brogden in our Children's Ministry for resources on talking with your children about sex.

3. **The Pleasure (Song of Songs 7:1-13, 1 Corinthians 6:16-17)**

Believe it or not, God created sex for our enjoyment. Keep the following in mind and you'll be on the right track toward what God intended:

1. **Communicate** with each other. Ladies, tell him what you desire. Men, ask her what it is about you that most turns her on and what she needs.
2. **Prioritize** the relationship with your spouse. Keep a healthy guard up against your kids and other priorities getting in the way of passion.
3. **Commit!** Before you talk divorce, check out the resources on Stonecreek's website or talk to a trained counselor.