

**4. God's direction in marriage is to be unselfish** \_\_\_\_\_

"The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way the husband's body does not belong to him alone but to his wife." 1 Corinthians 7:3,4

"The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality, the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to stand up for your rights. Marriage is a decision to serve the other whether in bed or out of it." 1 Corinthians 7:5 (Message)

**5. God's direction: \_\_\_\_\_ about sex.**

"These commands I give you today are to be upon your heart. Impress God's commands on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you sit down and when you get up."  
Deuteronomy 6:6-7



**Follow the Directions  
Open With Care**

"There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much a spiritual mystery as a physical fact. 1 Corinthians 6:16 (The Message Bible Paraphrase)

**Sex is a** \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib that He had taken out of the man and He brought her to the man and the man said, 'This is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman for she was taken out of Man.' For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and they shall become one flesh."  
Genesis 2:21-24

**What Does God have to Say About Sex?**

**I. UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF GOD'S GIFT**

**1. It's valuable because our sexuality determines** \_\_\_\_\_

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female..."  
Genesis 1:27

**2. It's valuable because our sexuality** \_\_\_\_\_

## II. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR GOD'S USE OF THIS GREAT GIFT.

Don't you know that you are slaves of anyone you obey? You can be slaves of sin and die, or you can be obedient slaves of God and be acceptable to him. Romans 6:16

### Key Principal:

You have to follow God's direction regarding \_\_\_\_\_

### God's Direction Signs:

#### 1. Sex is for a man and a woman \_\_\_\_\_

"Honor marriage and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy. [It doesn't say "the evilness"; it says "the sacredness"] between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex."

Hebrews 13:4

#### Why, God, did You create sex just for marriage?

##### A. Because sex creates a \_\_\_\_\_

"There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much a spiritual mystery as a physical fact. As it's written in Scripture, the two become one. And since we want to become spiritually one with the master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy leaving us more lonely than ever, the kind of sex than can never become one." 1 Corinthians 6:16-20 (the Message)

"Now getting down to the question you asked in your letter to me. Is it a good thing to have sexual relations? Certainly. But only within a certain context. It's good for a man to have a wife and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of *sexual disorder*." 1 Corinthians 7:1-3 (the Message)

#### 2. God's direction is to be holy and \_\_\_\_\_

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified and that you should avoid sexual immorality and that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable." 1 Thessalonians 4:3,4

"Run away from sexual sin. No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one." 1 Corinthians 6:18

#### 3. God clearly speaks to what is \_\_\_\_\_

"Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone." Proverbs 5:15

"Surely you know that the people who do wrong will not inherit God's kingdom."

*The idea here is continually doing wrong without an idea of changing. "I'm doing it and I don't care what God thinks."*

Do not be fooled. Those who sin sexually, worship idols, take part in adultery, those who are male prostitutes, or men who have sexual relations with other men, those who steal, are greedy, get drunk, lie about others, or rob – these people will not inherit God's kingdom." 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Here's how we can be sure that we know God in the right way: Keep his commandments. If someone claims, "I know him well!" but doesn't keep his commandments, he's obviously a liar. His life doesn't match his words. 1 John 2:3,4

"In the past some of you were like that but you were washed clean. You were made holy and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:11