

Love, Sex and Marriage

Lesson Four • Ephesians 5:14-21

There's a Better Way to Do Relationships

God's Invitation to Lasting, Loving Relationships:

WAKE UP to God's way when it comes to love, sex, and relationships!

*Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
Ephesians 5:14*

Answering God's Invitation to Lasting, Loving Relationships:

1. Walk in WISDOM: A New Way to Think about Sexuality!

*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
Ephesians 5:15-17*

- Sex is a SPECIAL gift. *Hebrews 13:4*

- Sex is a SACRED act. *1Corinthians 6:15-20*

- Sex is a SERIOUS responsibility. *1Thessalonians 4:3-8*

2. Walk in the SPIRIT: A New Way to Relate to One Another!

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.
Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God. Ephesians 5:18-21*

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

- ENCOURAGE one another to grow in Christ. *Colossians 3:16*

- GIVE THANKS always for all things to God the Father.

- SUBMIT to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. *1Timothy 5:1-2
Philippians 2:3-4*

3. Walk in PURITY: A New Way to Attract the Opposite Sex!

*Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more...
For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 1Thessalonians 4:1 & 7 ESV*

Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 1Peter 3:3-4

- Develop inward CHARACTER.

- Develop outward MODESTY.

- Develop upward DEVOTION.

Will You Answer God's Invitation to Lasting, Loving Relationships?

Will you choose to walk in a way that pleases God and become a light in the darkness by modeling purity and love in your relationships?