



Can Passion & Purity Co-Exist?

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PASSION WAS GOD'S IDEA- My God-Given Capacity to Respond Relationally and Physically in a Sexually Intimate but Appropriate Way.

1. God Created Mankind as Sexual Beings – The Passion of Procreation

*So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female he created them.** God blessed them and said to them, “**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.**” Genesis 1:27-28, 31*

2. God Created Mankind with Companionship Needs – The Passion of Closeness

*“The LORD God said, “It is **not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.** So, the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But **for Adam no suitable helper was found.**”²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Genesis 2:18, 20-22*

3. God Created the Marital/Sexual Bond as a Life-Long Covenant – The Passion of Loyalty

*“The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”²⁴ **That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.**”²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” Genesis 2:23-25*

*“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’⁵ and said, ‘**For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh**’?”⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, **what God has joined together, let no one separate.**” Matthew 19:4-6*

4. God Designed our Sexual Focus to be Singular – The Passion of Captivation

*“Drink water from **your own well—share your love only with your wife.** Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, **having sex with just anyone?** You should **reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers.** Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. **Rejoice in the wife of your youth.** She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. **May you always be captivated by her love.**” Proverbs 5:15-19*

5. God Designed Our Sexuality to be Fully Expressed – The Passion of Sensual Pleasure

*“Oh, **how beautiful you are! How pleasing, my love, how full of delights!** You are slender like a palm tree, and **your breasts** are like its clusters of fruit. I said, “I will climb the palm tree and take hold of its fruit.” May your breasts be like grape clusters, and the fragrance of **your breath** like apples. May **your kisses** be as exciting as the best wine— Yes, wine that goes down smoothly for my lover, flowing gently over **lips and teeth.** I am my lover’s, and he **claims me as his own.**” Song of Solomon 8:6-10*

Can Passion & Purity Really Co-Exist?

PURITY WAS GOD'S IDEA- My God-given Responsibility to Progressively Reflect His Character in My Actions, Attitudes and Words – All that I Say, Do & Think is with Full Integrity.

1. Understand the Difference between Holy Passion and Lustful Passion

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body^a in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.^b The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life." 1 Thess. 4:3-7

2. Holiness Must Hit the Marital Bedroom

"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

3. Battle Lines Should be Drawn in the Mind

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'^a ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28

4. No Inappropriate Sexual Contact Rather Be Clothed in Jesus

"The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. ¹³ Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires." Romans 13:12-14

5. Addressing your God-given Sexual Needs is Clearly Part of a Christian Marriage

"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

"But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion." 1 Corinthians 7:9

SUMMARY THOUGHTS:

1. Anything God Created to be Good – Satan Always Tries to Pervert!
2. God Designed that the Needs He Created In Us Are Met in Pleasurable Ways!
3. GOAL: To Find God-Honouring Ways to Address Our Passions without Guilt.
4. God-Designed, Mutual Sex was to be Built on Companionship and Trust
5. Christian Sexuality is Not Designed to be Either Passionless or Impure.

YES - Passion & Purity Co-Exist