

Purposeful Security and Sequence

By Design - Part 2

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Security and sequence matter.

Part 1, from Genesis and Jesus:

- Sex is God's idea.
- Sex is a gift from God to us.
- Sex is wonderful, purposeful, and sacred.
- From the very beginning, sex was intentionally designed to be beautiful and powerful within the security of marriage between a man and a woman.

Powerful things require security and sequence.

Outside the security of marriage and out of sequence, the power of sex can be very destructive. Inside the security of marriage and in God's sequence, sex is designed to be life-giving and wonderful.

Book - Hooked: The Brain Science on How Casual Sex Affects Human Development, by McIlhaney Jr. & Bush

Couples who reserve sexual intimacy for marriage are more likely to have healthier, longer-lasting, and more satisfying marriages. (Journal of Family Psychology; Wheatley Institute; National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health)

Couples who choose to reserve sexual intimacy for marriage often experience richer, more satisfying sex. (University of Virginia National Marriage Project, Journal of Marriage and Family, Family Relations Journal)

¹⁸Run from sexual sin (porneía)! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. ... " 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT)

- Sex is far more than just physical — it's emotional, relational, spiritual, and even integrates the soul.

"... ¹⁹Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁰I am my lover's, and he claims me as his own. ¹¹Come, my love, let us go out to the fields and spend the night among the wildflowers. ¹²Let us get up early and go to the vineyards to see if the grapevines have budded, if the blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give you my love." Song of Solomon 7:10-12 (NLT)

God designed the beautiful and powerful gift of sexual intimacy to be reserved for the sacred, protective, and joy-filled covenant of marriage.

God's Life-Giving Sequence for Love

- Foundation
- Friendship
- Intentional Dating
- Covenant
- Lifelong Cultivation

"Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, not to awaken love until the time is right." Song of Solomon 8:4 (NLT)

Sex is a powerful gift that thrives in the right security and sequence.

We all get out of sequence with God. (sin) But God has made a way for us to get back in sequence with Him. (through Jesus)

"¹⁰Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?' ¹¹'No, Lord,' she said. And Jesus said, 'Neither do I. Go and sin no more.'" John 8:10-11 (NLT)

What is God calling you to do with what you've heard today?

Additional great passages on this topic:

- Exodus 20:14
- Matthew 5:27-28
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
- Proverbs 6:24-29, 32
- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-17
- Leviticus 18
- Ephesians 5:3
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 12:1-2
- Titus 2:11-14
- 2 Corinthians 5:21