

Bedroom: Battleground Or Playground?

"Pure Sex", Part 3
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"God...richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." (1 Timothy 6:17, NIV)

"Use every part of your body to glorify God." (1 Corinthians 6:20, LB)

"Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers."
(Proverbs 5:15-17, NIV)

2) It takes the right ATMOSPHERE OF ROMANCE.

"...You have made me eager for love..." (Song of Solomon 6:12, TEV)

I) ENTERING THE BEDROOM...

* Creating an atmosphere of romance: (from the Song of Solomon)

1) God created sex in BEAUTY AND INNOCENCE.

"Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam. 'At last!' Adam exclaimed. 'She is part of my flesh and bone!'... Now although Adam and his wife were both naked, neither of them felt any shame."
(Genesis 2:22-23, 25, NLT)

- i) Pleasant Fragrances (1:12-14)
- ii) Personal Compliments (1:15-16)
- iii) Affectionate Touching (2:6)
- iv) Sacred Privacy (1:4, 4:12)
- v) Attractive Attire (4:9-11)
- vi) Intimate Conversation (4:9-16)
- vii) Unhurried Time (5:1b)
- viii) Special Places (7:11-12)
- ix) Exclusive Commitment & Relational Security (8:6-7)

2) God reserves sex for a MARRIAGE COMMITMENT.

"This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."
(Genesis 2:24, NLT)

"I want you to promise, O women... not to awaken love until the time is right."
(Song of Solomon 8:4, NLT)

3) God desires sex to be PLEASURABLE AND SATISFYING.

"May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you, may you ever be captivated by her love."
(Proverbs 5:18-19, NIV)

3) It takes the right APPROACH OF RECIPROCITY.

"The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife."
(1 Corinthians 7:3-4, NLT)

II) ENJOYING THE BEDROOM...

Keeping the home fires burning so they won't burn elsewhere!

"You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs..."
(1 Peter 3:7, LB)

1) It takes the right ATTITUDE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

"Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband."
(Hebrews 13:4, The Message)

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected, but all is to be received with a prayer of thanks."
(1 Timothy 4:4, TEV)