



The Issue of Sex in Marriage

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What role should physical intimacy play in marriage? The sexual relationship is often the best or the worst part of a long-term marriage. Some argue that good sex is the foundation of a good marital experience, while others hold that it is the result of an already healthy experience between spouses. Who is right?

In contrast to the studies and pop psychology of the newsstand tabloids, the Bible introduces a dependable source of insight into the debate. Evaluate your values against these timeless truths!

■ **Current Conditions**

■ **Contemporary Findings**

Regarding marital sexual intimacy:

- Women often lament the lack of _____.
- Men often lament the lack of _____.

■ **Biblical Clarifications**

- T F Intercourse and intimacy are redundant issues.
- T F Intercourse and intimacy are related issues.
- T F The Bible downplays sexuality in marriage.
- T F The Bible emphasizes sexuality in marriage.
- T F The goal in intimacy is to retain control.
- T F The goal in intimacy is to relinquish control.
- T F Sexual fulfillment requires multiple relationships.
- T F Sexual fulfillment requires a monogamous relationship.
- T F Intimacy is degraded when it is discussed.
- T F Intimacy is upgraded when it is discussed.
- T F God is disinterested in the quality of your sexual intimacy.
- T F God is encouraging the quality of your sexual intimacy.

■ **Specific Instructions**

1. Commit to experience sexual intimacy!
2. Trash your taboos and unleash your creativity!
3. Find out how to meet your partner's needs!
4. Confirm your commitment to sexual fidelity!
5. Express your excitement every chance you get!
6. Follow God's directions and expect the best!