

Where there is not revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the Law.

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

A night I will always remember:

- A private war was raging
- A small farmhouse in the country
- A young couple beginning God's journey together
- An ordinary moment with extraordinary impact
- A "vision" that changed my life

Why is sex such serious business to God?

The Command:

Ephesians 5:11

“And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;”

The Reason:

Ephesians 5:12

“. . . for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.”

The Explanation:

Ephesians 5:13

“But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.”

The Invitation:

Ephesians 5:14

“For this reason it says, ‘Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’”

Summary:

Just as light silently reveals all things for what they really are; so it is when God's people _____ purity and love in relationships, they _____ sexual immorality for what is really is... lustful, destructive, self-worship.

Answering God's call to "The Second Sexual Revolution"

1. A revolutionary way to _____ about human sexuality.

• Sex is _____ Hebrews 13:4

• Sex is _____ 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

2. A revolutionary way to _____ the opposite sex.

• God's way - 1 Peter 3:3-4

➤ I - _____

➤ O - _____

➤ U - _____

3. A revolutionary way to _____ the opposite sex.

• As a _____ John 15:13

• As a _____ 1 Timothy 5:1-2

• As a _____ of _____ Hebrews 10:24

Application / Discussion Questions:

1. Why is sex such serious business in God's eyes? What is at stake for the world around us?
2. In what ways do you need to change how you think about sex? What implications does this have on your thought life? Behavior? Viewing habits? Renewing of your mind?
3. How does modesty facilitate loving and lasting relationships? In what ways has "our culture" seduced us into attracting the opposite sex in ways that prohibit focus on inner vs. outward qualities?
4. Is it possible that the whole "dating" paradigm is not the wisest or most effective way to build relationships with the opposite sex? Discuss your thoughts.
5. How could you answer God's call to **The Second Sexual Revolution**? What might that look like in your life and relationships?

Resources:

Singles: Dealing with Sexuality – Audio Tape by Focus on the Family

Life on the Edge by James Dobson

Relationships by Les & Leslie Parrott

Running the Red Lights by Charles Mylander

Christianity Today Article – Christianity Today July 2000

A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue by Wendy Shalit