

## Introduction:

### Second- Rate Sex vs. First- Rate Sex:

The fire in the fireplace is warmth, light and beauty.  
The fire out of the fireplace is destruction.

### Genesis 2:18-25

*<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." <sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> 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 closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man.*

*<sup>23</sup> 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."*

*<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

**Man and Woman complete one another.**

## Definition of Sex in the Bible:

1. “*Knowing*” – (Intimacy) Adam and Eve and Abraham and Sarah – (communication and depth of relationship)
2. “*To Lie With*” – David and Bathsheba, Potifer’s Wife and Joseph – Cheap counterfeit of the physical alone, without commitment, without security. It’s the external touching of bodies, but not the entrance of the holy of holies. It’s a cheap substitute.
3. “*To Go Into*” – Abraham and Hagar – There’s no relationship or even lust.

### Hebrews 13:4

*“Marriage should be honored by all and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”*

### Ephesians 5:3-13

*“But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.”*

## Why Does God Prohibit Sex Before Marriage?

- For your protection
- For your provision

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