Sex, Love + Money: Let's Talk About Sex
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Genesis 2:18-25 NIV
*The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the Lord God had **formed** out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. 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. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 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 then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God **made** a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought **her** to the man. 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." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his **wife**, and they become one flesh. **Adam and his wife** were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

1. God created sex for marriage.

con·sum·mate: make (a marriage or relationship) complete by having sexual intercourse

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ESV
Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

2. God created sex for procreation.

Genesis 4:1 ESV
*Now Adam **knew** Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord."*

Genesis 4:17 ESV
*Cain **knew** his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch.*

Genesis 4:25 ESV
*And Adam **knew** his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."*

Jeremiah 1:5 ESV
*"Before I formed you in the womb I **knew** you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

3. God created sex for oneness.

- Marriage reflects the relationship of the Holy Trinity.

Genesis 1:27 NKJV
So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- Marriage reflects the relationship of Christ and the Church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 ESV
"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

4. God created sex for pleasure and delight.

Proverbs 5:18-19 ESV
Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

1 Corinthians 6:16-20 MSG
There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, "The two become

one." Since we want to become spiritually one with the Master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy, leaving us more lonely than ever—the kind of sex that can never "become one." There is a sense in which sexual sins are different from all others. In sexual sin we violate the sacredness of our own bodies, these bodies that were made for God-given and God-modeled love, for "becoming one" with another. Or didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.

Love desires to satisfy others at the expense of self.

Lust desires to satisfy self at the expense of others.

Any sexual relationship that doesn't reflect Christ will ultimately reflect something broken.