

1 Corinthians...*To The Church* – Sexual Integrity Married Couples Part 6 Pastor Mike Higley — October 1, 2017

1 Corinthians 7:35 *"but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord."*

Hebrews 13:4 *"Marriage must be honored among all and the marriage bed kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers."*

Key Truths

1. Men and women have sexual needs and God has designed them to be **fulfilled** in the marriage union.
2. When married, they forfeit the **control** of their own body.
3. Both parties are forbidden to **refuse** the meeting of the mate's sexual need.
4. The Biblical **actions** of marriage approved by God are really good.
 - a. Fulfillment is **achievable**
 - b. Satisfaction is **attainable**
 - c. Your marital covenant is **keepable!**

Ephesians 5:21-27

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

"Marriage must be an unrelenting commitment to an imperfect person. That commitment means a willingness to sometimes be unhappy." *Jani Ortlund*

1 Corinthians 6:13b, *"The body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."*

How do we keep this marriage alive?

Teach your spouse how to love you!

Care less about **yourself** and be more about pleasing your spouse!

- *"When you enter a relationship to find someone who will labor for your glory, then you will drain that person of their capacity to offer life."* (Intimate Allies, p. 241)

The **Cross** must be at the center of your marriage...get it there!

Your marriage is the image-carrier of God's design to your **friends**.

