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# **Porn and a Pastor**

The Influence of Porn on a Gen Xer by Beau-James Ouellette

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"Born in the San Fernando Valley, author Beau James Ouellette was surrounded by porn and its effects. From friends to family members, his childhood was saturated with the ideas and lingo of porn culture. Porn and a Pastor is the fact-based assessment of the pornographic industry and its effects on individuals and our culture. Porn and a Pastor extends a loving hand to those in need, both to those involved and entrapped in the lifestyle of the industry and to those who are addicted to its product. With a heart for both the believer and the non-believer, Beau James Ouellette unequivocally expresses how Christ's love and sacrifice can overcome any obstacle, even the bondage of pornographic addiction. If knowledge is power, and if the truth will set us free, then Beau's book is precisely the tool that the church needs to be free of the porn industry's devastation. The church simply needs to come to the realization that salvation in Christ is more pleasurable than porn."

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God designed sex to show the world what His love was like. Right off the bat, that might make most of you squirm. Sex is about God's love? Yes, it is...in amazing ways. We have such a crazy distorted view of sex many of us can't even begin to wrap our mind around the concept. But, that's the filter of lust, not the one of biblical love. The literal two becoming one that happens in the act of sex is a picture of God's love for His bride and the mutual love back from the Church.

Sex was designed to be a holy act. And I don't mean stale, boring and weird. I mean incredible! And, when it is truly understood, holy sex is just that – absolutely incredible. This issue of Godly Sex will take you through the basics of why God made sex and how wrong our typical view of it really is. Hopefully this will challenge and encourage you to think radically about something our world has made so common.

He made it, so let's see what God's purpose and design is for sex... This pamphlet is designed to help people understand the Biblical purpose of intimacy or sex. I believe it is for anyone that has been duped into the ways of the world on this subject.

Pastor Beau Ouellette

#### WHY WRITE ABOUT THIS?

The simple answer is to glorify God! All areas of our lives are to be given over to Christ, for His Glory and Name. Sex is no different. The husband and wife relationship (marriage) was created by God, and has a purpose, to glorify Him. For God's ways are good and for our joy.

#### THE FALL!

I have no doubt that just as sin entered the world through one man, so we all have become tainted by this sin and are sinners ourselves. It is our earthly nature to sin. Sex too has become distorted. What our "natural" desires and thoughts are about sex are not what God's intentions are. Simply put, we don't know how to have God glorifying intimacy in our modern culture! We have resorted to a common, unholy view of the sacredness of sex.

# WHERE DO WE GET OUR IDEAS ON SEX?

I'm not sure about you, but I haven't heard many ministers sharing about godly sexual behavior. It's not a topic that comes up often, though the Word of God is littered with sexual situations through it's entirety. So if we don't get it from the Word where are we getting it? I got my ideas about sex from school or even worse...pornography! Being raised in a secular environment led me to think I was no different than a monkey, so why not act like one sexually!

# WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

I believe this is so vital to understand because sex is the most intimate a person can be with another. In society, the worse kind of offenders of the law are sexual offenders. Why? It's because sex is where a person is most vulnerable to harm, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Let's face it when you misuse sex there is heavy damage done. So let's get it right. I believe many marriages have problems simply from how the couple has engaged in their marriage bed. If you mistreat your spouse in a sexual context, then there are no doubt trust issues about your character that will surface in other ways.

# JESUS AND THE CHURCH!

Sex is to point to a oneness between Christ and His beloved. This will be shown from a study in 1 Corinthians Chapter 6:12-20.

This section of study will show that "one flesh" means sexually, physically united. This will also launch us into great sections of insight into John 17, Deuteronomy 6 and 2 Timothy 2:13. Wouldn't it be like God to not just make sex for the physical purpose of having offspring, but also could it be that there is a spiritual truth that God is wanting us to understand through the physical intimacy in marriage? I believe so! Just like everything God asked us to do physically, there are spiritual implications or truths that these actions should be pointing us to.

#### THE GREAT BIG QUESTION!

"Not to us, but to your name be the glory!" - Psalm 115:1

"Whether you eat or drink do to the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

These two passages tell me something. They speak to me of my motivation for all things in life. Even the most mundane things in life like eating and drinking, I'm to do for the Glory of God! Well how about sex? How about that being an "unto the Lord" activity! I think yes, it is do be done to His glory!

For some reason we have separated the secular and the sacred when it comes to our intimate lives. There should be no separation in anything that we do. We are a "Holy" people (1 Peter 2:9) and this holiness should be brought into all areas of life. Sex is a big part of life and so it is reasonable that this area should be a sacred act as well.

# **BRINGING SEX UP TO GOD'S STANDARDS AND NOT PORN'S**

Having sex be a sacred act immediately takes what was once a "porn" view of sex and now makes it sacred, something special, something "holy" for me and my beloved only. "What God has brought together let not man separate." Jesus said these words in speaking about the "one" flesh relationship between a husband and wife. A secular or worldly view of sex, taken from porn or health class lowers the purpose of sex as intended by the creator and allows for all sorts of damaging consequences that cause separation and not togetherness in marriage. How sad it is when couples allow secular standards or views of sex to come into their bedroom. Many watch porn together or get their ideas about sex from such worldly sources. But the world does not have the insight into what makes sex awesome, the Church does!

# LOVE!

Christian Love is to be the governing principle in the marriage bed. This love should guide the man and the women in engaging in intimate action. I get a definition of love from the love of Christ for us. He found his own joy of the Father in the joy of His beloved, The Church! I was His joy! "For the joy set before him, He endured the cross." "We are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh!" What this means is that a good done to his beloved is a good done to him. Wow that's a different kind of love then porn love that says let me have it my way. This kind of Love when in action in the marriage bed is concerned about our loved one, our beloved and that is our gain, our joy. This kind of Love is concerned for the well being of the other, so whatever it is that could cause a separation or a breach in trust, then it is avoided for the sake of the joy of the beloved and my own joy which is rooted in the beloved's benefit. This love governs our sex.

#### THE PASSAGES:

1 Corinthians 6:15-17 - "Shall I take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not. Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For the two shall become one flesh. But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

The Apostle Paul is giving a reason why having sex with people other than your wife is not good or godly behavior. What I find fascinating about this passage is that he says that the physical act of sex "one flesh" is pointing us to a spiritual truth that we cannot see, yet is real! You are "joined with Christ!" That's his reason! Those who are Christ's are one with him (John 17:20-23). There is a deep intimacy there. The physical act of sex with a wife points me to and helps me understand this incredible intimacy. When I degrade that relationship by going into another, then it no longer is a shadow of the work of Christ being intimate with his church. Jesus would never go into another! He is one with his bride, the church! How can an invisible God get me to understand the kind of intimacy that we have with his Son, The Christ? It is in marriage and in the marriage bed! The literal physical act of sex shows me the incredible oneness that Christ has with me through His Spirit that is now in me (Romans 8:9.11)! This does not mean that Jesus has some sort of spiritual sex with me. Let us be clear; the act of sex points me to, helps me understand a spiritual truth about Christ's closeness with his people.

Now this gives us another wonderful reason for sex within the confines of the marriage covenant. It is a way for us to understand, relate, and live this one relationship that Christ so beautifully shared in his prayer recorded in John 17.

#### THE MYSTERY OF THE GODHEAD

Have you ever tried to articulate God before? It's quite hard. The Father is God, and the Son is God, and the Spirit of the Father, well, of course he's God too! How does God reveal himself to people of the earth? How would we know that it was him?

In the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 6:4 we see a very famous passage of scripture that says, "Behold, the Lord thy God is one!" The word used in Hebrew could have been "one", meaning just one of something, but instead it is a word that can be used to describe a compound unity. One of a group! In the New Covenant writings, we see that Jesus discusses his own oneness with the Father by saying, "I and the Father are one," or, "make them one with me as I am one with you." Though the Father is not the Son, nor the Son the Father, they share a oneness...God. We don't share that with them, but we share a oneness with Christ's humanity. This is the incredible mystery of the incarnation, "God became flesh." Jesus is a brother to us, as He has become like us, sharing or having in common what we have...flesh and blood. But Jesus has a commonality with the Father that we don't have; deity. They both along with the Holy Spirit, make up the one God. One name, One God.

How can I understand this oneness through sex? When I am with my wife, though I am me and she is she, we are one literally. Our flesh is actually connected! Kind of crazy when you think about this. Though we are one, we are each separate individuals with different roles, thoughts and actions, but during intimacy there is a really special oneness that takes place between the couple, like nothing else on earth.

God is like nothing on earth. Though he gives us these gifts of intimacy to know Him greater, nothing on earth can show us all of what the Godhead is like. That's what makes God great; He's unique!

# CONCLUSION

So when we think of Sex, I pray that we look at this gift as a purposeful tool of God in our lives not just for procreating, but for experiencing something that helps us understand the affections, adoration, intimacy and love of God for us, who upon creating Adam and Eve also purposely gave them sex as a way to pursue an understanding of God, through their enjoyment of each other.

#### **PASSAGES TO CONSIDER**

#### Proverbs 5:18-19

...And rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love.

# Ephesians 5:32

This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

# Genesis 2:24

...the two shall become one flesh.

# Deuteronomy 6:4

The Lord thy God is one.

# Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

# Psalm 4:2

How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood?

# Hebrews 13:4

Marriage [is] honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him

