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²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **GENESIS 2:24,25**

Sex is God’s idea. His Word clearly states that sex is to be exclusively enjoyed between a man and a woman under the covenant of marriage. As Christians, we must hold fast to His Word, not allowing popular culture or the opinions of others to define sex for us. In this lesson, we will look at three principles on authority and sex from God’s Word.

1 God’s Word is our only authority.

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17**

God’s Word is the absolute standard of our lives. Before turning to Christ, we lived according to the standards of the world, but we now accept His Word as the basis of what we believe and how we live. How does God’s Word guide you in your daily life?

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2 Sex is God’s idea.

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In the beginning, God saw that everything He created was good, including sex. Therefore, sex is God’s idea—and because of this, we are to regard it with reverence and honor. The Bible says that sex is only to be experienced and enjoyed within the confines of marriage. What does God’s Word say about honoring marriage? (Hebrews 13:4)

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3 Sex should only be between a husband and a wife.

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **GENESIS 2:25**

Sex is part of God’s purpose for man. God placed appropriate boundaries for sex: within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. Its purpose is for both procreation and pleasure between a husband and wife (Genesis 1:28). How does the truth that God created sex to bless His children and for their enjoyment change how you see Him?

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