

SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON 12: SEXUAL INTIMACY

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

- **Genesis 2:24-25**

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS AND OBSTACLES TO SEXUAL INTIMACY

- _____ sex
- _____ sex
- Assuming intimacy problems start in the _____
- Allowing our _____ to be shaped by things other than God's Word
- Others:

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEXUAL INTIMACY

- God designed sexual intimacy to be a loving expression of _____.
(Genesis 2:24-25)
- Sex is also a uniting act. (1 Corinthians 6:15-16)
- Sex allows a husband and wife to experience a _____ renewal ceremony.

"Once you have given yourself in marriage, sex is God's way for you to maintain and deepen that union as the years go by."

- *The Meaning of Marriage, Timothy Keller*

CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE SEXUAL INTIMACY

- True sexual intimacy is about _____, not _____. (Acts 20:35)
- True sexual intimacy involves _____ pleasure. (Proverbs 5:19; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5)
- True sexual intimacy is _____ and considerate. (Song of Solomon 4:5)
- True sexual intimacy is about much more than _____. (Ephesians 5:31-32)

APPLICATION ...