

SEXUAL PURITY - THE WORLD'S WAY OR GOD'S WAY?

TOPIC	WORLD'S VIEW	GOD'S TRUTH	SCRIPTURE
Sex Before Marriage	At the worst: Anytime, anyone. At the best: Okay if you're "in love"	God created sex. But He designed it to be for one man and one woman within the context of a marriage relationship.	Genesis 1:27-28, 2:20-25; Matt 19:4-9
Adultery	Still frowned upon in some circles, but easily justified – loveless marriage, marriage problems, etc.	The principle above also applies to the married man and woman. Sex should be reserved for the married couple.	Exodus 20:14; Matt 15:16-20, 19:4-9; 1 Tim 1:8-10
Pornography – Defined as "obscene writings, drawings, photographs, etc."	Not only has our culture increasingly accepted pornography, our culture's definition of what is "obscene" has also changed. So much so, Christian women read books like "Fifty Shades of Grey" without hesitation.	Reading & viewing sexually graphic material fosters sexual desire & even creates a physical response. Since Jesus said lusting after a woman is the same as the physical act of adultery, we must guard our hearts & minds from anything that causes this kind of reaction.	Matt 5:27-30 Phil 4:8
Personal Appearance	Women dress to be sexually desirable. Even clothing for young girls reflects this. Edgy, sexy, flirtatious is the goal.	God is the author of beauty. But our culture has replaced beauty with "sexy." Christian women must be careful not to cause anyone to stumble by the way we dress. Our conduct in every area must be for the glory of God.	1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Cor 8:9; 1 Cor 10:31-33
General Role of Sex	We live in a hyper-sexualized culture. Sex pervades every area of our society. Advertisers know that "sex sells." We give condoms to middle-schoolers and "Teen Moms" grace the cover of supermarket tabloids.	God created sex as good, enjoyable, & productive. But He also created limits. Our limits are to be one man with one woman inside the bounds of marriage. Sin has warped it and made it vulgar.	Eph 4:17-24