



Navigating Sexual Issues
with Gospel-Centered Truth

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PART 1

*Changing how we
think about sexuality***3** Exposing False Narratives**KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Your sexual narrative provides the foundation from which you reason about every sexual issue. Most people are unaware of their sexual narrative even though it informs their beliefs and behaviors.
- The cultural narrative of sex flows from humanism and relativism. Sex is important because it represents a primary piece of identity. Sexual maturity means authentically living out of your sexual desires and longings. Sexual morality is rooted in giving people the freedom to pursue sexual passions as long as they don't harm other people.
- The cultural narrative of sex is the predominant narrative of our day. It has impacted practically every Christian's thinking about sexual issues. However, it is based on assumptions that oppose biblical truth.
- The purity narrative of sex is the traditional way many Christian have presented God and sex. The focus is almost exclusively on "saving sex for marriage." Although it presents some truths about sexual purity, the simplistic focus leaves many people missing more important biblical truths about holiness, redemption, and God's heart for humanity.

**NOTES**

Cultural **NARRATIVE**

WHY DOES
SEX MATTER?

It's an important part of your identity and personal expression.

MATURITY =

Sexual experimentation and freedom.

MORALITY

Based on respecting people's personal choices and freedom.

Purity **NARRATIVE**

WHY DOES
SEX MATTER?

It's an important part of following God.

MATURITY =

Getting married as a virgin and keeping sex within marriage.

MORALITY

Based on sexual abstinence.



REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- 1 Why is it important to understand someone's underlying sexual narrative when talking to them about sexual issues?

- ## I Corinthians 6:18-20

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APPLICATION

Find three modern examples from today's news feed that promote the cultural narrative of sex.



FOLLOW-UP RESOURCES

**Java with Juli**

#235: How the Purity Movement Hurt Us
*In *Java Pack*

**Pure**

by Linda Kay Klein
(a popular book by a former evangelical Christian on the harm of the purity movement on women)

**Shameless**

by Nadia Bolz-Weber
(a popular example of a pastor who combines the cultural narrative of sex with liberal Christianity)

**AuthenticIntimacy.com**

They're Right.
Abstinence-Only Education
Doesn't Work.

NOTE FROM JULI: Although I don't agree with the conclusions presented in *Pure* or *Shameless*, I found them helpful in understanding how sexual narratives are integrated into a liberal approach to Christianity and sexuality.



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