

DATING and CHASTITY Pt.3: TEMPTATION, TEASING, GUARDING YOUR EYES, BUYING THE COW

MATURE CONTENT

Within the church today there are many unmarried men and women who profess to be Christians yet see nothing wrong with sex outside of marriage. In fact the unmarried people in church are becoming more sexually active than ever. Are you going to stand up and obey God's Word or are you going to go the way of the world? Culture and what is generally accepted may change but God never does. **(James 1:17)**

Prov.14:12 – There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Choose God's Word and be wise.

LOVE and INTIMACY

Avoiding temptation is a lot easier than running from it.



Let's use cookies for an example. If you don't buy or bake any, you're not going to blow your diet. It also applies to boys. If you don't put yourself in situations

that can easily lead to sins against chastity, you're going to have an awful hard time sinning against chastity.

Usually a question guys like to ask is, "But how can you tell if you have chemistry with a person if you don't [blank.]" You know what goes in that blank, if you don't have sex with them first. Some compare it to driving a car to see if they are going to like it or not. The writer said this, "I think what most of us who've been in chaste relationships, including those who've gotten married after being chaste, would say is, "You know."" And I will say, that's true. You just know.

When you're not getting too intimate too fast, every little touch and glance take on a heightened importance. You can feel all sorts of sparks without being unchaste.

Attraction matters to a marriage – you need to find your spouse appealing enough to go to bed with and wake up with after all – but it doesn't matter as much as Christianity, kindness, generosity, honesty, and fidelity.

When you meet someone you know if you have chemistry with them or not. You know if you are attracted to them or not. You know if there is electricity or sparks between you and that person. You don't have to sample the merchandise to know this.

Sleeping around can be a hindrance to your marriage when you do finally get married. Say you have been with several people and have had all these different experiences and your virginity is long gone. You may find that your spouse doesn't please you in bed because are expecting them to be like someone else. Sleeping around was not God's plan or design for intimacy. That's why the man and the woman were both to remain chaste so that once they were married then they could begin to explore and enjoy intimacy together. To make love and not just have sex.

GUARD YOUR EYES

Scripture tells us the eyes are the window to the soul (**Mt 6:22**). So guard your eyes. If you struggle with pornography, pray about it. Don't buy dirty books or magazines, don't click on nasty, naked or filthy pictures. If you are searching for

something online and something filthy pops up, shut it down, get off of it. Set up filters to avoid even seeing that type of stuff. You have to get real with yourself and be serious about wanting to be set free from it. Then you ask God for forgiveness for looking at pornography and you repent with the help of The Holy Spirit. You can do self deliverance, there is a spirit behind pornography. Cover yourself in the blood of Jesus. Bind the spirit of pornography, spirit of perversion, spirit of sexual immorality and cast it out in Jesus' name.

If you masturbate, you need to go through the same process. Realize it is committing sexual sin against your own body and there is a demonic spirit behind it. **(1 Cor.6:18)** You have to be sick of it and truly want to change in order to be set free. You have to realize this is a sin against God. Ask Him to forgive you, REPENT which is to stop the sin. Stop masturbating with the help of The Holy Spirit. Do self deliverance, plead the blood of Jesus over yourself and bind the spirit of masturbation and command it out in Jesus name! Bind spirits of sexual immorality and sexual perversion and cast them out loudly in Jesus' name. God did not make us to please ourselves sexually. He made a man and a woman to go together and that is where our sexual pleasures are to come from when we are married. **(1 Cor.7:4-5)**

Chastity is about honoring your sexuality in all things: what you watch, listen to, how you dress, and talk. It is a way of living out holiness.

TEASING and FLIRTING

I taught on how Christian women should dress, about makeup, jewelry, hair and modesty already in the teaching series "Christian Women." For the ladies out there, be careful how you dress because you don't want to send the wrong message of being too flirty or too exposed and yet you say you want to remain a virgin. If you are barely covered up then you are sending the wrong message. Dress modestly as the Bible says to do. **(1 Tim.2:9-10)** Don't put all your merchandise on display.

Christian girls, should not be trying to show off their assets. Don't advertise everything the Good Lord gave you. Keep the mystery of everything until your wedding night. Don't get in a hurry. Don't wear revealing clothing, clothes that

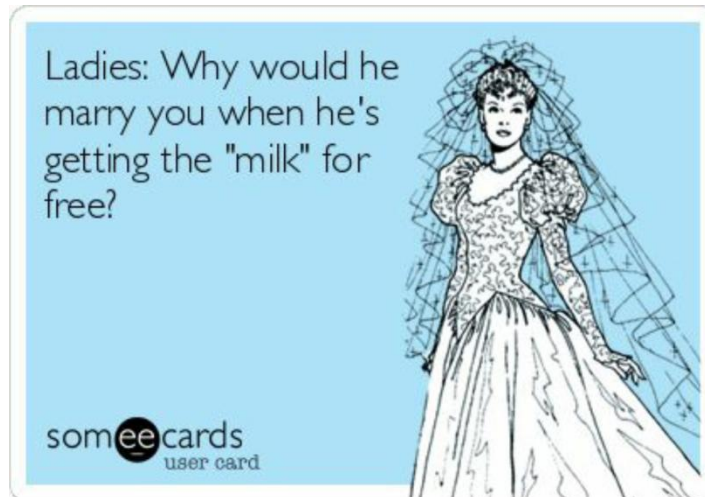
are too tight, too short, too low cut etc. When you wear provocative clothing, you are hoping he will lust after you. You are enticing him to sin. You don't want to be that kind of girl. If you are serious about not sinning against God and keeping your virginity then you should not be teasing boys and men by how you dress and how you act.

For the guys out there, the kind of girl who is going to enjoy making you lust after her or push you to fool around is not the girl God has for you. And for the girls out there, if he can't wait, then he isn't the one God has chosen for you. If he is continually ignoring you saying no to his advances then he isn't the one God has chosen for you.

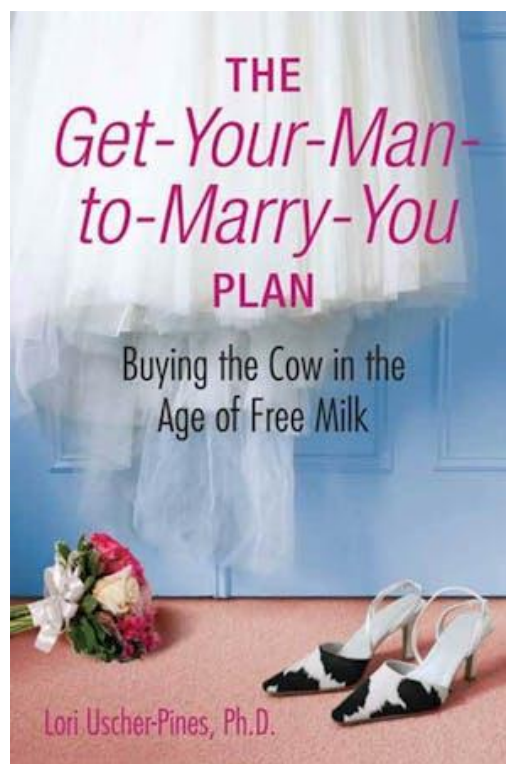
There is an old saying "Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free"?



Look at this illustration from At Random Comics by Ryan Mason. I'm sorry Ben, but no more free milk. I'm afraid if I keep giving it away for free you won't purchase me.



Ladies: Why would he marry you when he's getting the "milk" for free? No need for that wedding dress.



Lori Uscher-Pines, Ph.D. wrote this book: *The Get-Your-Man-to-Marry-You Plan Buying the Cow in the Age of Free Milk*

We certainly are living in the age of free milk. We have sinned so grievously against God with all this hedonistic sex. Sex, drugs and rock-n-roll still describes

this world appropriately only now it describes the church too. We have left God in all of this. We think He's ok with our sin but He's not.

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Wise and faithful Christians will wait until they're *inside* the covenant of marriage before they start enjoying the unique benefits *of* the covenant. Until then it's playing house, but it's not marriage. Remember Joseph. He "knew not Mary" during their betrothal (engagement) period.

So, if you are in a relationship like this already where you are giving the milk away for free or maybe you are receiving the milk for free, there are two options: either you can get married right away (to sanctify the current sexual activity) or you can refrain from sexual activity until marriage.

Statistically, couples who are chaste during engagement are much less likely to divorce or be unfaithful than couples who are not. "Engagement is your opportunity to build a history of self-control and trust, to prepare you for seasons of temptation that will occur when you are married. Faithfulness to Scripture now will provide needed assurance in the future—especially during the harder and drier times—for faithfulness to each other. Protecting your sexual chastity now will help prepare you for your sexual bond later." Quote by Scott Sauls

Many women find themselves getting dumped after they have given themselves to the man sexually. Don't go down that road. Don't give your virginity away until you are married. God's design for marriage was for the man to take care of the woman and the family that came along after marriage. Today in many

marriages the man and the woman are both having to hold down jobs in order to make ends meet and that is because satan is trying to destroy everything God intended. He's trying to destroy marriages and families. He doesn't want the woman to be home focusing on the family and taking care of the house. He doesn't want the children to get quality time with their parents. He wants everyone to be busy, tired and disconnected. Get the parents out of the house and let the public school system and daycare teach the children the ways of the world. His plan is working for the most part. We see a total break down of the home as God designed it to be.

MARRIAGE

One way to help yourselves is to look at whether marriage is a realistic option. Are you ready to get married?

You need to consider a lot of things before deciding to get married:

- Are you committed to Christ, to each other, and to God's design for sexuality?
- How do your parents view your relationship?
- Can you support yourselves financially?
- How old are you? (Research shows that people who marry between the ages of 22 and 30 — without having lived together first — are more likely to have a successful marriage.)

If you have a green light in these areas, then start moving toward marriage.

Or do you need to stop dating each other?

If you and your boyfriend are *not* ready to get married within the next 12 to 18 months, ask yourselves whether it's a good idea to keep dating. It might be wise to put your relationship on hold until you're older and better prepared to step into a lifelong commitment.

Because the more time you spend together, the closer you'll become emotionally — and sexual pressures will only grow. If sexual purity is important to you, there's no reason to place yourselves in the way of daily temptations.

Dating usually leads to marriage for those that want to be married.

Matthew 19:4-6 – And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

One man and one woman forever is God's design for marriage.

It's important to make it clear where you stand with the person you date. You probably don't have to lay it all out there on the first date but don't wait too long to be sure no one gets any wrong ideas.

CLOSING

Living a chaste and pure Christian life isn't going to be easy. You will be tested. You may find yourself around some friends who will be talking inappropriately. Guys may be telling perverted jokes. Your group of friends may want to go see a worldly movie that you know is not for Christians. You will have to stand up for what you believe. You are not alone. You can do it...with Jesus' help.

Matt.10:32-33 - Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.

Don't be silent about your faith in Christ thinking you'll fit in or get along easier that way. You might think you'll have more friends or find the right guy or girl that way. Being a Christian is not the popular choice and it never will be. If you remain silent because you think you won't be accepted, then you are going to attract the wrong kind of friends and the wrong kind of boyfriend or girlfriend. The only way to know they are Christian too is to talk. You are to be equally yoked in your friendships and relationships.

John 15:18 – (Jesus said) If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.

Rejection really should be a type of honor to us because Jesus is our Master and He was rejected. It only shows that we are like Him when we are shunned and rejected because we belong to Him.

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John 16:33 – (Jesus said) These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jesus is greater than all and through Him we have the victory too. If you are not open and up front about your faith and belief in Christ then you are setting yourself up for failure in your friendships, relationships and most of all with Jesus.

Wear your Christianity proudly, keep the faith and watch what God will do with your life. Don't worry about the ones who don't want to be friends or date because you are a Christian. Hold out for a true Christian man or woman. Seek God in prayer for Christian friends and stay true to God's Word in only dating real Christians. God won't let you down when you are true to Him, He will be faithful to you and He will bring the right person into your life so you can serve Him powerfully together. *If you desire to be married, not everyone does and the Bible addresses that also.* **(1 Corinthians chapter 7)**

PRAYER

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