

SEX ED., TEENS AND THE BIBLE

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"At Silver Lake High School, the ninth grade health text teaches: 'testing your ability to function sexually and to give pleasure to another person maybe less threatening in the early teens with people of your own sex'. Also, 'you may come to the conclusion that growing up means rejecting the values of your parents.' Students were told to keep the book in their lockers and not take it home."

Three things were incredible wrong with this picture and the third shows that biblical and true sex education can and needs to be taught in our schools. One, in a high school in America, sexual experiment was encouraged among teens. Second, sexual experiment was encouraged with the same sex. And thirdly, to show that "they" know this is wrong, students were told not to carry the text book home. In other words, they were silently teaching the students hedonistic values with a hope their parents don't find out. This happened in America, where the "unbiblical minority" are prohibiting any religious freedom in schools. If this can be taught, biblical and 'true' sex education should be taught in schools again. Teens should not be experimenting with sexuality at such a time, much more to experiment with homosexuality. Biblical and 'true' sex education will show why this should not be. This is the intent of this descriptive essay, without trying to be persuasive.

I call the teenage years and single years the rebirth of one's self (personal renaissance). Meaning, it is at this point that one really realizes that they exist. It is really at this point that the last stage of shaping one's mind really develops. So much so that the great King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, captured and tried to use some of the wisest men of Israel. Among the most intellectual were Daniel, and the three Hebrew boys who were thrown in the fire unburnt. When they were captured, they were all under fifteen years of age. After Nebuchadnezzar's three years 'brain-washing' conversion strategy, some were barely over fifteen years of age. This youth brain washing strategy is key to controlling the masses and most effective. In fact, Adolph Hitler knew it and said that if he got a generation of youths, he could take over the world. In other words, manipulation of the masses can only be successful, if their minds were already fashioned while being a youth.

Why? It is at this point that one is most vulnerable to learn anything lasting and once shaped, it can hardly break. It's at the teenage years that the clay is almost hard, so the last reshaping must take place. Your mind could be marred forever, so this part of one's life must be dealt with caution and not carelessly, as it is treated today – with long lines of sensual partners from the preteens.

Why at this most vulnerable time should one be seeking to know someone else, when one hardly knows him or her self? Why should teens seek to get their minds emotionally entangled when they don't know: 1) where they're coming from 2) why they're here and 3) where they're going? Why not spend some time seeking the will of God for your life, which might take years, especially depending on the enormity of God's purpose in your life?

Not doing this may be the reason we have so many dysfunctional adults ("teenults"), because in their teenage years, whether directly or indirectly, they were yanked away from themselves, in relation to God. Pulled from godly self-discovery and being established in adulthood preliminaries. These years are called adolescence, by interpretation that should read "adult-lessons" and not "adulthood."

One of the reasons they were yanked away from themselves is peer pressure and societal influences. Yes, teens might object, but if they lived in an environment where there is no nudity and sex on television, no 'porn' on the web and in magazines, no public display of nasty affection, no improperly covered persons walking the streets, less stress on self vainly and much reverence for God, one wouldn't even feel like having a boy or girl friend; much more pre-marital sex.

On the other hand, some persons coming from a background where their parents are ministers usually fall prey to unwed children and many shocking occurrences, contrary to their parents' belief. Why? All their lives, they may have been sheltered: church, school, home, church outings. Such a person sees no evil, speaks no evil and hears no evil; consequently they do no evil. And stupidly, the parents didn't tell them of the many evils. So when the opportunity arose to be exposed, BAM! They had no mechanism to deal with what the real world is about (mostly in remote countries with Christian teens going off to school in the West). Notice also that without the influence of evil (TV, cable, web, print, fad) they did no evil. But when the exposure came, without knowing about it, many problems arose.

To solve these and other teen problems, take the example of the first man created, Adam. God graced him to walk and talk with him. By this relationship, God declared his purpose, "dominion over the earth." God also graced Adam to work with him in ministry, 'naming every animal'. Adam was so into God that he was not thinking about a mate, but it was God who decided it was not good for him to be alone. From this, four biblical and true sex educatory guidelines can be used for teens today. They are:

1. You should first develop an excellent relationship with God, whereby everyday you are in harmony with God as close to the "pre-Adamic" state as possible; which can be found in Christ.
2. You should then search out your purpose, which only God can verify. Do you know that it pleases God when a young person sets their heart and time to find their purpose on earth? This will not go unrewarded.
3. While this is ongoing, strive to be active, mostly in ministry. It might not be your ultimate purpose, but it usually should be something leading up to it. Again, let God verify your purpose and not an arbitrary person. So it means you have to seek to have a relationship with God. Don't you dare let any arbitrary person dictate your purpose and it hasn't been rectified with the creator. Who does one go to for a blue print, the architect or the construction worker? Moreover, you have direct access to the throne of God through Christ, no matter how young you are. Remember the fifteen-year-old boy in the bible, Daniel, he was more in tuned with God than everyone in Babylon.
4. Now, while all this is ongoing, God is on the other side preparing the woman or man that you will just adore (only the opposite sex). Believe you me, you will, if you believe it. Then when you ask your daddy, God, being in his presence every second, he will just tell you and the peace of God will go with it. Then it won't take forever to get married, for God would have set that compatibility already, not lust; him knowing all things. At least give him that much credit. Notice that God didn't make Eve and tell Adam to go and date her for a while and said, "If you don't like her, I'll make another one for you, dearest." No, when God made Eve, Adam exclaimed, "WO!" "MAN!" And so females were called from that point (don't quote me on that, though this is becoming a cliché). In other words, one would not take apart a merchandise to try and know it really well before buying it; instead, just go to the maker and he will tell you where, how, what type and when to obtain it. Then you can trust the maker, for he is the one who made the "specs". Would you go to a device and ask, "What is your purpose in relation to me?" Could it tell you? The same principle applies to you in relation to finding a mate. Go to God!

Also, I found out something great while listening to the bible on my MP3 CD player recently. It said, "Whoso findeth a wife ... obtaineth favour of the LORD" (Pro 18:22). Then it dawned on me, nothing on earth - principles, steps, intuition, outward appearances or anything will guarantee you a real spouse. But what actually happens is that anyone who marries the right person did so because God grants him or her favor; they had nothing to do with it. In other words, he likes you so he makes sure nothing ties themselves to you that is not good, only the real thing. And believe you me, I've learnt that finding the right person for you is impossible. That's the reason the verse does use the word "findeth," indicating you doing something, but put it back into true perspective by saying you really had nothing to do with it but simply "obtaineth favour." Therefore, if you really want a good spouse, strive to please God.

So, from these four guidelines, it all boils down to this bible verse, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33). With the Kingdom comes true sex education and true guidance. And having an adept background and "track record" in biblical exploits, the guidelines given are biblically sound.

Having written all that I must draw your attention again to Daniel and the three Hebrew boys, whom I admire, although Babylon tried to infiltrate their minds with Babylonian doctrines and lifestyles, they did not 'bow'. They were just teens, but with God anything is possible. With God you can stand on his word. Don't give into peer pressure and societal influences, give into God and stand on his word. For his word is sure and stands forever. The boyfriend and girlfriend mentality should be left until teens have completed their Adam experience – knowing what God has called them to do, unequivocally. Moreover, God will give you the desires of your heart (Ps 37:4). In fact, Christ was recorded as saying that if anyone has a son and he asked for bread, would that parent give him stones, or scorpions for eggs (Lk 11:11-13). In other words, will God give you something to hurt you or that is not years on end satisfying? No. God will only give you the best.

If these biblical and sex educatory guidelines were applied to our present generation, the divorce rate would be zero. Frankly suggesting that marriages that result in divorce have failed to apply this principle of seeking God totally, and developing a clear relationship; which can only be sanctioned by being truly saved (acts 2:38).

This descriptive outline of why teens should not be experimenting sexually in no way violates the present agenda of sex education in schools; but rather fulfills it, the correct way. Dr. Lester Kirkendall of SIECUS (The Sex Information and Education Council of the United States) wrote in 'Sexuality and Man':

"The purpose of sex education is not...to control and suppress sex expression, as in the past, but to indicate the immense possibilities for human fulfillment that human sexuality offers. The individual must be given sufficient understanding to incorporate sex most fruitfully and responsibly into his present and future life."

Giving biblical and true sex educatory guidelines is the best way to give "sufficient understanding to incorporate sex most fruitfully and responsibly." And that is, dating and sexual experiments should be left for adulthood and maturity in Christ.