

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SEX IN A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE; a male perspective

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### 1. Their Lunch Box

Not long after the young couple fell in love, they made a commitment they would work together and always eat lunch together. In fact, they agreed they would eat out of the same lunch bucket. The lunch box they agreed to use was rather interesting. It took both of them to open it. Each must use a special key. Only then could they enjoy the delectable, wonderful goodies it contained inside.

Not long after they began working together, they sat down to have a wonderful lunch. "I'm famished," said Jack.

"Well, I'm not very hungry," said Jill.

"I'm starving. I really need some good nourishment." said he.

Said she, "I've got a headache, maybe later."

"I have my key ready, but I can't eat without you. That was our agreement. I can't open our lunch box unless you desire to dine with me. We both know there is a wonderful meal waiting us." "Please Jill", implored Jack, "I do love you."

"Well" said she, "It has been a bad day, I know you are hungry, I hear your words, but you are just going to have to wait.'

The next day he was even more hungry, but she was even less in the mood. The more he tried to persuade her, the more she was turned off. The more he displayed his hunger, the more he met with disdain. However, one day she seemed to be interested again. "Maybe by now she is hungry," thought Jack. "I know I'm really starving." So, when they finally opened the lunch box, he couldn't restrain himself and he ate as fast he could. She berated him for being so greedy and impulsive. He took the humiliating statements. He hoped that maybe the next day they

could again have those wonderful lunches they had enjoyed so much after they first began working together. He prayed that it would be so.

The next day indeed, they had a wonderful lunch and he began to think, "Well if this is all I'm going to get I will have to learn to deal with my hunger and my anger, but it is very difficult."

The next week and the following week were even worse, usually going hungry, but occasionally having a good meal. In his anguish and desperation he tried to contain his loneliness and the gnawing of his insides. He couldn't help but look at other young couples who were obviously well satisfied by their meals. Then one day he happened to glance at a young woman with a bulging lunch kit. So much food she had, she obviously couldn't eat it all. Jill noticed his glance and began accusing him of being unfaithful to their commitment.

"But I have always preferred to eat with you and I am sticking to my commitment even though I am tormented by hunger. Why is it so hard for you to open the lunch box? Aren't you hungry like you used to be? You used to have a wonderful appetite. Are my hands dirty? Am I disagreeable? Other people don't seem to find me that way."

"No," said she. "It's your attitude. You have turned me completely off."

"Oh," he groaned. "I can't bear to think of living and working without our lunches together." Once again, he glanced at the woman with the bulging lunch pail; this time more deliberately because by now he was angry as well as hungry. There were so many delectable items. She happened to notice his glance and returned it with a smile that Jill quickly picked up. She flew into a rage and with many words humiliated him.

"You're not a real man. You have no self-control. You can't keep your commitments."

He protested, "I'm sorry, but can't you see that I am starving? I know you can make as nice a lunch as anybody. Why do you starve me?"

"Well," she said in a rage. "I don't trust you. I know what you are going to do, or what you are thinking ." etc. "Why are all you men are like this?"

Jack had made a commitment and out of honour and obedience to God he struggled to keep his promises. Over the years the problem grew increasingly painful so often he prayed, "If my appetite results in such tension and bitterness, why did you create me this way?" Although in despair, he felt like asking God to take away his hunger, instinctively he knew that couldn't be right. Surely God didn't want him or his future progeny to die out.

Well, what do you think Jack should do? Before you answer, consider these factors about sex that are gleaned from science and scripture.

## **B. Considerations**

### 1. Our Culture

We are all so immersed in a predominately feminist ideologically dominated world that it is hard to think outside of our culture and time. Science and scripture can provide a reasonable counterpoint. Recently men have been made to feel ashamed of their sexual drives. There is growing evidence that imputed shame and guilt cannot be tolerated indefinitely and men are becoming restive. Following the massive swing toward feminism there is a growing counter swing toward masculanism. The ladies were reasonably gentle; the men won't be so. This assertion of their masculinity is driven by a rage mounted on resentment from being controlled, repressed and made to feel guilty for being men and made to feel ashamed of their sexual drive for so long.

### 2. Feminine Power

Throughout history, whenever any group wanted to assume power, they have made a certain large, but relatively down trodden group feel increasingly sorry for themselves. "You poor peasants" or, "You poor workers" and in this age, "You poor women." Once a group has been made sufficiently sorry for themselves, they are prepared to rise up and rebel against whatever authority appears to dominate them. The power hungry then exhort them. "Just join our army. Here is a uniform. Here is an ideology. We will march together and overthrow the tyrant and

assume power for ourselves. And I assure you, it will be equally distributed.” Of course this never happens. Women seem not to understand that militant feminists are trying to make women feel sorry for themselves so they will rise against the “despised, paternalistic men”. It doesn’t matter that women lose out in the end and families are destroyed and marriages wrecked in the process. The liberated women can now glory in the fact they have come to a position of great prominence, e.g. a clerk in a business, while the “mindless work” of mothering a small child is left to a house husband or daycare worker. Though many women try to concentrate on their job they cannot ignore their children’s pleading, “Mummy, don’t go to work.” There was considerable uncertainty and financial strain, but many women told me how relieved they felt when the government cut backs forced them to stay home.

### 3. Humans taking God's prerogative.

Mankind has always tried to be God and take His prerogatives to conceive and create. They cannot create life, but proud humans won’t give up trying. They continue to can say, “I pronounce John and Jane, man and wife.” This is arrogant heresy, as are all the other pronouncements that religious figures make that you are saved, forgiven, married, absolved, annulled etc. At best, people are given the opportunity to show to the world what God has already done, in the rites and ceremonies of baptism, dedication of a child, marriage, the Lord’s Supper etc. When humans celebrate what God has done, God is glorified; He is shown to the world in His glory, for He does everything.

God makes His unilateral covenants to ensure human survival because He knows that the evil one wants to destroy humans. It is only by these biologically determined, ecologically sensitive bonds that humans have been able to live and procreate. It is not by the will of humans that humans survive, but by God’s faithfulness.

### 4. God marries people

God, not man, made man and woman “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5). This happens at the moment they have physical intercourse. It is one of His more amazing acts of creation. He makes a biological, life long union only He can break. He makes a 3-way covenant, man with woman and mated pair with Him. The union is not of one personality, nor of one spirit, but a union of bodies that would last as long as they live. There is no marriage in heaven. (Luke 20:34 – 36). There are, in fact, no human relationships. Nobody can speak of father or mother of anybody in heaven. We all relate to God on an equal basis. The bond of marriage has 8 components, which, if all present, result in a solid and growing biological covenant.<sup>1</sup> Whenever there has been a sexual union, God marries people. They absorb each other’s hormones and biochemically become one flesh. In time they even begin to look like each other, yet they do not become one person. God goes to great lengths to preserve our individuality. Since God made it, marriage is indissoluble. When they die, that union is broken and the remaining person is free to marry another because he or she is no longer married.

Marriage occurs inevitably and invariably with sexual intercourse. “Don’t you realize that your bodies are actually parts and members of Christ? Should I take part of Christ and join him to a prostitute? Never! And don’t you know that if a man joins himself to a prostitute she becomes a part of him and he becomes a part of her? For God tells us in the Scripture that in His sight the two become one flesh (I Corinthians 6:15 - 17). Even if a man has sex with a prostitute he is automatically one flesh with her, i.e. married to her for life.

Because of God’s determination to preserve the human species He made covenants ingrained in human biology which bind a man with a woman, parent and child. Humans, being persistently foible, are unable to keep covenants. Even with the most arduous attempts, under the most stringent conditions, the best of covenants, the Ten Commandments, backed by the Lord himself with all manner of blessings and curses was impossible to keep. That is why God makes his own covenant and these are irrevocable, particularly the bonds of family, spiritual and earthly.

Because the bonding of man and woman occurs, invariably with sexual intercourse, there is no such thing as premarital intercourse. Since there is no such thing as premarital intercourse, sexual behaviour is very important. People are fond of pretending that the premarital intercourse is of no great importance or consequence. It is convenient to pretend it is only when people stand before a pastor or priest that they are properly or truly married. Prior to that they have just been "dating". God considers this an outright lie. Sadly, in this day and age most people are bonded (married to) more than one person. The sociologists call this serial polygamy. God would call it just plain polygamy.

It is disappointing that Promise Keepers emphasize the need to keep promises only with one's present spouse. They neglect to remind people that they have to keep all their promises (Matthew 5:37) to all their mates. These are all polygamists or adulterers, unfaithful to their first partner, but no one questions them. To do so, of course, would create such havoc in present day Christendom, that it is conveniently overlooked.

How many pastors or priests ask a young man or a young woman, about to be married, whether they are already married to someone else? If they don't, they condone the practice of a woman marrying in a white dress as if she is a virgin, when they could know that she is already married to more than one person. They don't bother asking a young man how many other women he has had sexual intercourse with. Yet surely, if the pastor or priest doesn't ask, the two must ask this of each other. The evidence is very clear. By God's design they are still married to all their other sexual partners.

The first liturgical ritual of marriage appeared in Northern France in the twelfth century.<sup>2</sup>

The priest became involved in performing marriages mainly for political and economic reasons. The church was interested in putting together certain families or not allowing certain couples to mate. Up until that time the father had placed the hand of his daughter in the hand of the groom.

The first indication that the marriage was a matter of interest to the church was when a bishop of the fourth century wrote a letter to a couple about to marry.

#### 5. Marriage cannot be a democracy.

Men were designed to take the initiative and make decisions, especially in a crisis. This doesn't mean that they should not respect their wives and listen carefully to their wives opinion. In the Old Testament a husband could nullify his wife's vow or impulsive pledge and the Lord would forgive her of it (Numbers 30:6 - 9). On the other hand, a widowed or divorced woman must "fulfill all her vows and pledges" no matter what. The husband was responsible before the Lord for what his wife promised. This gives additional meaning to Christ's injunction to his disciples that what they bound on earth was bound in heaven (Matthew 18:18-19). "...And though your desire will be for your husband, he will be your master" (Genesis 3:16). Although the husband is master, like Christ, he must be prepared to die for his wife (Luke 22:26 - 27).

#### 6. Covenant in marriage

Yes, there should be a marriage covenant. It is a contract that a couple make with each other at their betrothal, sworn before God, witnessed by elders and family. Yet from their parents' experience, they know that this covenant is too easily broken in spite of their best intentions. To sustain marriages that are vital to survival of the highest order of His creation, God ensures all mated couples make an enduring contract. Their vows are important, but marriages are primarily held together by the bond God creates through sexual intercourse. Humans are expected to make a covenant with him and with each other, but God knows how easily they are disregarded and discarded. The agreements between man and woman requires mutual and periodic re-enforcing, but God never breaks His law or His oath. "Now this is what the sovereign Lord says: I will give you what you deserve, for you have taken my solemn vows lightly by breaking your covenant. Yet I will keep the covenant that I made with you when you were young and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you" (Ezekiel 16:59-60). The bonds he creates, He doesn't disregard. Humans are encouraged to make and maintain covenants, if for no other

reason than to recognize that they are incapable of maintaining them. It is God who sustains the bonds that glue a family together.

In ancient times the covenant between a man and a woman about to marry was their betrothal. In their very best attire they stood before the elders and the congregation and pledged themselves to each other. From that point on in the Jewish law they were considered married. If a man had sex with a woman so betrothed, he was considered to have committed adultery. Yet, in the eyes of God the engaged couple had yet to be married. They weren't married until they had sexual intercourse. This is why Mary was considered Joseph's betrothed wife. She wasn't his bonded wife until after Jesus was born when Joseph truly married Mary by having sex with her (Matthew 1:25).

Because bonded marriages are taking place before the "marriage" in front of the altar of the church, men and women who have multiple partners pretend they are unmarried. God ignores that pretense. Statistically the greater number of premarital sexual partners, the greater the probability of extramarital partners. People know in their own heart and mind that it is impossible to have a truly intimate connection with their wife "after" marriage, when they have a number of other wives or husbands at the same time. Women tell me how difficult it is to have an intimate sexual union with the man in their arms because they can't help comparing him to their previous sexual partners.

#### 7. Helpmate.

God made woman to be a helpmate to man. "And the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him" (Genesis 2:18). Recognizing that man had to struggle by the sweat of his brow to make a living, and knowing he couldn't do it alone, God made a working partner. Each of them was specialized in their God-given equally important tasks. He would struggle with the environment, and from what he gathered she would make meals and clothes to nurture him and their offspring.

God made man and woman for each other. Their anatomy, physiology and psychology show how well they are designed for each other. The mutual absorption of hormones during intercourse indicates how much benefit there accrues when they are well mated and live in sexual harmony. Sexually active men and women live 5 - 7 years longer than the average. When God said it was not good for man to be alone, He said it about Adam and he meant it for all men. It is not good for a man's mind, body or spirit to be without a partner. When Christ commissioned 72 disciples, He sent them out in pairs (Luke 10:1). There are many advantages to being coupled (Ecclesiastes 4:11-12).

#### 8. God's intention seen in human blueprints.

God's purposes are detected in His creation. He does not go counter to His own design. If He made man and woman with different drives and capabilities, there was a good reason to do so. He doesn't create man with a strong sexual drive and then expect him not to express that. The intensity of the male sexual drive isn't evil. It is necessary for the survival of every species. Man's sexual drive is so sufficiently strong that it overcomes all other desires or ambitions. The survival of the human species is ingrained into human biology. God did not trust man's theology or philosophy or psychology, but entrusted human survival to drives and instincts. At this time in history man is tampering with his biological instincts and truly, humanity is in danger like never before.<sup>3</sup>

#### 9. Equality of men and women

Men and women are equal in the sight of God, but they are certainly different for reasons God, as their designer and maker, knows best. Woman is responsible to her husband. "But there is one thing I want you to know: A man is responsible to Christ, a woman is responsible to her husband, and Christ is responsible to God" (1 Corinthians 11:3). "...God's glory is man made in his image and man's glory is the woman. The first man didn't come from woman, but the first woman came out of man. And Adam, the first man, was not made for Eve's benefit, but Eve was made for Adam." (1 Corinthians 11: 7b -8). "But in relationships among the Lord's people,

women are not independent of men and men are not independent of woman. For although the first woman came from man, all men have been born from women ever since, and everything comes from God." (1 Corinthians 11:11). Many modern day disciples of Christ wished that Moses and Paul were wrong or try to believe they were children of their time and culture. But the scripture transcends time and culture and accords with biology. Why is there this apparent hierarchy? Because God's people are at war with the promoter of disorder and death.

Men and women are different; their physique, their brain, their psychology and therefore their functions are different, but equally essential for the survival of the species. They must treat each other with equal respect. However in God's good plan, the woman is happiest when she is helping her husband who is helping God to sustain his family and to defeat evil. Man is most fulfilled when he keeps co-creating his species and looking after the environment in which he survives and grows. The different roles that God gave man and woman are mainly for the benefit of the child. It makes very little sense that they should do the same things when they are obviously designed for specialized tasks. Men are better leaders, especially in crisis, but women are unquestionably superior at nurturing, unequalled at breast-feeding. It is a waste of time and energy trying to get men and women doing tasks for which they were not designed just so they can appear to be equal. Men and women should heighten and revere their differences. That difference makes very good sense in the context of human survival being threatened by an evil force. The greater the threat, the greater the need for family and the greater the need for male and female difference.

Though in God's sight all men and women are equal, in each other's sight they frequently are not respected as equals at all. Although they have much in common, biologically they are vastly different. Modern neuropsychological studies demonstrate quite conclusively that they have very different brains. Should this be such a surprise? Not when you think of the impact of that little bit of chromosome that man goes without having such an impact on his shape, his size, his longevity etc. The rib taken from Adam to create Eve may have been the arm of an X

chromosome that is now a Y shaped chromosome that determines maleness. Having different bodies and different minds, they should perform tasks according to their design. Since the major task is to glorify God and strive for the survival of their species, men and women should specialize in their function as husband and wife, father and mother.

Learning “disabilities” are 10 times more frequent in boys compared to girls. Why? In classrooms males are more easily distracted.<sup>3</sup> They are more likely to quickly respond to peripheral visual stimuli. According to their design and ancient experience men have learned best walking through the environment at which time their distractibility and their impulsivity are major assets. Distractibility and impulsivity are disabilities in the classroom, but outside these attributes are abilities that make them better warriors and hunters. Women are better able to use their central vision and better attend to what is immediately in front of them. To be distracted can result in burning themselves or pricking their fingers. Thus is it a wonder that women do better in school? Are they not better equipped for classrooms in their minds, in their eyes and with their “sit upons”? Boys should learn on their feet, preferably walking about. That is how Jesus taught His disciples. Women’s ability to concentrate on what is immediately in front of them puts them at great advantage over men in the modern work place with it’s predominately computer centered, sedentary work.

It is interesting to note that in the early ‘60's the Soviet Union was enacting legislation discriminating against women in the work force. The Soviets realized that although they had pioneered encouraging women to work in factories, it was resulting in the dissolution of the family. The net result of using women to double the work force was not doubling the GNP, but social chaos that required huge expenditure for policing and social services.

There are many advantages to being a woman in this day and age especially in the western culture. a). Women outlive men 5 - 7 years.

b) Girls are more likely to survive birth without trauma or defect.

- c) All other factors being equal, girls do better in school. Boys are more likely to have so called "learning disabilities". They are more likely to drop out of education. Although boys may realize they are not stupid, they get so frustrated trying to learn by the ways they are being taught, they quit after grade 10 to become carpenters, seamen etc.
- d) There are institutions for women, e.g. women's hospitals which are not allowed for men.
- e) Women are given lighter sentences and better prisons for the same crime.
- f) Women in the western world hold the majority of the wealth.
- g) Women spend up to 80% of the circulating dollars. Thus a great deal of advertising panders to them.
- h) Women are more likely to gain custody of their children in a disputed separation or divorce.
- i) Women have government sponsored "affirmative action" to help them gain employment.
- j) Women are more suited to sedentary jobs, which are becoming the majority of jobs in this world.
- k) Men are more likely to die of stress disorders and suicide.
- l) Men still far out number women when it comes to dangerous and dirty jobs; oil drilling, garbage collecting, mining coal, falling trees, fighting for life and freedom or just changing a flat tire in the dark and rain.
- m) Women have the only and final say on what happens to a pregnancy, whether to kill or not kill their pre-born child.

#### 10. Christians are at war.

Christians forget that they are totally immersed in an every day, every hour, all consuming, life and death struggle. Unquestionably man is more capable of taking the lead in war and doing the hard fighting. It means more frequently he will be killed. His sexual desires drive him into taking the lead in propagating his species. For reasons God knows best, he is capable of fertilizing a huge number of human ova, while the woman has a limited supply of ova, reflecting her limited capacity to bear and raise young. The hierarchy of men and women makes sense in the context of human war with ignorance and death sponsored by their mutual Enemy.

Six reasons why man is master in his house:

- a) He makes decisions when they go to war with evil.
- b) There can't be a democracy of two.
- c) His type of sexual drive impels him to take the initiative in decisions and sex.
- d) He leads his family in fight and flight.
- e) Man is designed to struggle with danger while working for a living.
- f) He must nurture his wife while she is nurturing their children.

There is a growing concern about male impotence, lack of sperm and their responsibility for wife and family. Animal studies show that if the pregnant rat or guinea pig is stressed enough, her male offspring will be hermaphrodites. If they are stressed less, they are male, but less likely to be assertive and sexually active. Put in the context of humans and current day society, one has to wonder whether the push to put women in the workplace, often stressful jobs, doesn't produce the increase in estrogens found in animals that tend to feminize the offspring. If this is so it would be a vicious cycle. When women are stressed because of insufficient jobs, economic difficulties or a drunken husband, they are more likely to produce males that are less likely to take responsibility for their families. So now the female will have to take more responsibility resulting in stress that increases the feminization of the males in the next generation.

#### 11. Lack of Partner Support

Studying 44 factors, we found in a statistical evaluation of data from a large and representative sample of people<sup>3</sup> the factor that most closely correlates with a woman's decision to have an abortion is the lack of partner support. Lack of partner support also increases the rate of miscarriages. That is not to be wondered at when you consider the fact that all women face a crisis with each pregnancy. They have to change their perception of themselves, their shape and their psychological orientation in order to welcome a new little human. Men are less likely to bond and be interested in a new little human that is likely to die, in this instance, by abortion.

Because a woman has no legal necessity of discussing her desire to abort with her mate, he knows that she can abort at any time without his knowledge or consent. Therefore he does not bond to the unborn infant and because he doesn't bond he will not support his spouse. Because she is not supported she is more likely to abort the child. This inclines him to become less interested in bonding to the child and providing partner support. Men now feel that their obligation is to tell their partner, "It's your decision." What most women want to hear is, "My dear, regardless of our future together I want you to know I will care for you and the baby."

Men are becoming increasingly alarmed at the pressure placed upon them to provide support, while at the same time the courts will not recognize any interest they have in the unborn baby. If a man goes to court and asks a judge to stop his partner from aborting their infant, the judge literally tells him to get lost, it is none of his business, it's her body. Men nowadays who donate sperm for in vitro fertilization for a lesbian couple are being held economically responsible for their offspring. The offspring also have a legal right to know who both parents are, if for no other reason than to know their genetic heritage. This is especially true now insurance companies are becoming increasingly interested in determining one's genes before providing rates for life insurance.

## 12. Natural and unnatural sex

Natural sex is interpersonal and intravaginal intercourse. The objects are to procreate and to gain the greatest physical and psychological intimacy. Anything less is a perversion, or as Freud would say, "Sex with a part object." Sex has to be with a whole person. Sex has to be front to front in order to communicate properly and to obtain the benefits of intravaginal hormonal exchange. Semen is designed to be deposited in the vagina. Sex with condoms is unnatural. Any sex that is dehumanizing is an affront to the partner and to God. That sex tends to become habitual through operant conditioning so eventually their encounter is primarily sexual rather than interpersonal. Intravaginal intercourse still leaves lots of room for spontaneity and discovery.

### 13. What and when is divorce?

Divorce is a type of formal, legal and socially recognized separation, but there is no annulment of marriage after there has been no consummation. Annulment can only mean discarding the legal trappings of a marriage when there was no marriage because there was no sexual intercourse. God would not have considered Mary and Joseph married if there was no one flesh union through intercourse. God would not call them parents “father and mother” of Jesus unless they were married. “His parents didn’t know what to think. ‘Son,’ his mother said to Him, ‘Why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.’” (Luke 2:48). Jesus defined His family and His mother as those who obey God (Matthew 12:50). When He addresses His mother, He calls her “Woman”, (John 2:4 and John 19:26 J.B.) making it clear that we must not consider that Mary is the mother of God. God’s seal and approval of the marriage of Joseph and Mary was to give them 6 more children. Thus they had 7, 5 boys and 2 girls, the perfect number by Jewish tradition. “He’s just a carpenter’s son and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers - James, Joseph, Simon and Judas. All his sisters live right here among us. What makes Him so great?” (Matthew 13:55). God by His power created an indissoluble bond and covenant between Jesus’ father and mother. For God expresses His covenants in biological as well as spiritual ways.

God considered Israel’s running after other gods an indication of her adultery and separation from Him and therefore He divorced her. “...She (Judah) saw that I had divorced faithless Israel and sent her away” (Jeremiah 3:8). Even though God hates divorce, He acknowledged the faithlessness of another as grounds for divorce (Matthew 19:9). Yes, He took Israel back and will never turn His back on her because by His oath and covenant He was still bound to Israel. By God’s organic covenant expressed in the union of two human bodies, in the bond that He created them man and wife, though they are separated or divorced they are still married. Because of this, when they marry another, they are committing adultery. (Matthew 19:9)

In the Old Testament, adultery occurred whenever a man had sex with another man's betrothed or with another's wife. There are many examples in scripture to indicate that it was not adultery if a man had sex with another woman who was not betrothed or married e.g. "...And Abram agreed. So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. ... It is all your fault. Now this servant of mine is pregnant, and she despises me, though I myself gave her the privilege of sleeping with you." (Genesis 16:2b – 3a and 5:b). But when any man who had sexual intercourse with a single woman he had to acknowledge that marriage and never divorce her. "If he himself marries her, (that is the slave girl) and then takes another wife, he may not reduce her food or clothing or fail to sleep with her as his wife. If he fails in any of these three ways, she may leave as a free woman, without making any payment." (Exodus 21:10 - 11). "If a man is caught in the act of raping a young woman who is not engaged, he must pay fifty pieces of silver to her father. Then he must marry the young woman because he violated her and he will never be allowed to divorce her." (Deuteronomy 22:28).

The process of divorcing takes place over a period of time. It usually occurs long before the final papers are signed. Divorce is taking place when a man and wife do not love each other. When they do not meet each other's needs, it results in gradually increasing alienation until that results in a more permanent alienation called separation or divorce. Once started the progressive alienation is hard to stop. When they love each other by meeting each other's needs, they strengthen and deepen their bond, partly through operant conditioning.

Christians are commanded by Christ to love (John 15:12). Therefore they must meet each other's needs, not the least of which is the need for sexual intimacy. They disobey scripture when they say no to each other's yearning and sexual desires, "The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife. So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. The only exception to this rule would be with the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from

sexual intimacy for a limited time so they can give themselves more completely to prayer. Afterward they should come together again so that Satan will not be able to tempt them because of their lack of self control." (1 Corinthians 7:3 - 5) Thus, when a woman deprives a man of this right to sexual relations, she is depriving him of an important need and exposing him to temptation. Christ said those who expose others to temptation should have a millstone tied around their neck and be thrown into the sea. "How terrible it will be for anyone who causes others to sin. Temptation to do wrong is inevitable, but how terrible it will be for the person who does the tempting." (Matthew 18:6 -7).

Yes, couples have a sexual duty, an obligation to each other. And what is wrong with a duty? It is mainly in modern times that serving others is sneered at. Christ came to serve. Serving Him by serving others is our highest call, duty and honour. The man's need is less than half met if his partner surrenders herself only with resentment or a desire to get even.

In all human tragedies that I know there are Perpetrators, Victims and Observers (PVO) who all contribute. There are few innocent parties and no innocent bystanders. When there are tragic outcomes in marriages, there are many people who have contributed. Usually friends and family protest their innocence and blame one party. Thereby continues a vicious cycle of scapegoating the bad guy, usually the male. I suspect the reason men are usually blamed for marital fights and abuse is because of a persistent very human desire to see mothers as good. This stems from a yearning to have the mother once again meet their needs as well as they did when they were in utero. Since most people don't understand how many people contribute to a tragedy, they have to believe if mother is good, father is bad.

Throughout most of human history it was understood that there was no marriage without intercourse, that any union conducted by church or state did not constitute a marriage unless it was consummated. An unconsummated "marriage" could be annulled mainly because there was no marriage to begin with.

God said it was detestable if a woman leaves her husband, marries another and then remarries the first. (Deuteronomy 24:4) Yet the Lord did that. He divorced Israel who “married” other gods, but took her back. (Deuteronomy 24:4) Why can God do it and not humans? Because marriage is a physical connection. To divorce then remarry when the woman had married another joins 2 men to each other and God finds that detestable.

#### 14. Love

To love is to meet each other's needs, whether you feel like it or not.<sup>3</sup> There are many times when a mother will love her family by providing a good meal for them when she is angry at them, or when she is not feeling particularly well. Jesus Christ always loved, even when He angrily drove merchants out of the temple with a whip. God commanded us to love and therefore you can be quite sure that love is not a feeling. You cannot command a feeling.

God made intravaginal sexual union between man and wife a mutually beneficial activity. They absorb each other's life sustaining hormones.<sup>3</sup> Did you know seminal plasma contained female hormones as well as male hormones? There is a rich, beautifully balanced combination of hormones that are rapidly absorbed from the vagina and sustain a woman's health and vigor. That combination of hormones is probably the best replacement, by the best route for women in menopause. Absorbing their wives vaginal, predominately female hormones calms men. That is partly why men find sexual intercourse so relaxing. Not only are these calming hormones, but also there is a pleasurable release of tension, a time of intimacy, a period of spiritual renewal and an opportunity to express gratitude to God. If all these things come true with sexual intercourse, then lack of sex produces devastating results. Paul said if men and women do not meet each other's sexual needs, it give Satan an opportunity to tempt them both.

Many times in scripture God commands us to love. “Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment, for it is an old one you have always had, right from the beginning. This

commandment - to love one another - is the same you heard before. Yet it is also new." (1 John 2:7) Love is for our own and everybody else's benefit. Loving attitudes and behaviour come naturally when you have Christ's Spirit of love in you. Christ commands us to do what comes naturally and easily because he knows we are fearful and lazy. You must practice loving if you want to get good at it. It's really tough to love an abusive parent or a torturing enemy, but Christ showed it was possible. Learning to love is like obeying the command to fly after you have been given a beautiful set of wings. To love is to meet another's needs.

Since to love is to meet someone's need you can know how much you are loving by how well the needs are met. If needs are met, people grow. If instead of growing a person shrinks, you know you are not loving, but hating them. Hate wounds and destroys. Not meeting their needs is hating a person. Your inactivity is watching them shrivel and die. There is nothing between love and hate. Needs are definable and measurable, so it is not hard to know what needs are and not hard to know when you are loving.

Science has shown that when your mind and heart are concentrating on another person, your blood pressure is lower and pulse rate is slower.<sup>6</sup> There is some evidence to show that to every man and woman there is allocated a certain number of heartbeats. When their heart has beaten that number of times they will die for one reason or another. Therefore, it is very good to have a lower heart rate. Loving another person will do that for you. You know how good it feels to be in love. Surely every day the sun shines and every night there is a full moon, the reflection of which dances upon the stillness of a lovely lake. God commands you to love because it is as good for you as the person you love.

God's first command was for men and women to multiply (like rabbits) and fill the earth and the heavens. "God blessed them and told them, 'Multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters over the fish and the birds and the animals.'" (Genesis 1:28). Christ said that when he returns he will gather His elect from the four corners of the earth and from the heavens. (Matthew 24:31) I

believe that God intended us to fill the universe. It may seem technically impossible, but it could be done if we weren't consuming so much of our resources on war and greed.

15. How big a sin is divorce?

God hates divorce, but there is no ranking in the order of sin. Christ's teachings make it clear that the first and most important commandment was to love our Lord our God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength (Mark 12:29 - 31). The second is like it, to love our neighbour as ourselves. If we obeyed these we would not sin. How many people at the end of the day confess the fact that they have not walked and talked with God? They are more inclined to confess their irritability, covetousness and lust, feeling that these are the "big ones." How wrong they are. God hates divorce, but to God the lack of love is much bigger.

16. Unbelieving partners.

"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can goodness be a part with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be with Christ and the Devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever and what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God says, 'I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God and they will be my people.'" (2 Corinthians 6:14 - 16) William MacDonald's comment on this is, "Neither can there be fellowship between believer and unbeliever. To attempt it is treason against the Lord."<sup>3</sup> What if he or she didn't know that their partner was not a Christian? And what if, before marriage, neither were Christians, but one chose to follow Christ? What if one partner honestly thought they were a Christian and assured their perspective mate? Should they then part? Paul states, (1 Corinthians 7:13 - 15) "And if a Christian woman has a husband who is an unbeliever and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. For the Christian wife brings holiness to her marriage and the Christian husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise your children would not have a godly influence, but now they are set apart for him. (But if the husband or wife who isn't a

Christian insists on leaving, let them go. In such cases a Christian husband or wife is not required to stay with them for God wants His children to live in peace.)”

By marrying, Christians put a touch of holiness on an unbelieving spouse or a child. This shows how important God considers the organic covenant, the bond of one flesh. . Among the unbelieving spouses, there are those who are called by Christ and respond with joy. There are those who are called but turn a deaf ear until years later, possibly just before they die, when they join their mate in God's spiritual family. There are those who walk away and Paul indicates that the believing mate should let them go. There are those who turn in hate and try to obstruct the ministry of their godly partner.

#### 17. Contraception

All chemical and mechanical means of preventing pregnancy have failures and serious side effects. The Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) of natural family planning now can claim 100% effectiveness when people carefully adhere to their prescription. BOM heightens awareness of sexual physiology and increases a couple's intimacy. The additional value is that knowing precisely the time of ovulation make a couple more hopeful about, and more successful at getting pregnant. One wonders why more people don't use this method when there are no side effects and so many benefits. The government of China has adopted it. Certainly a condom is not good contraception. It is absolutely ineffective against human papillomavirus that causes cervical cancer. Condoms are only 60 - 70% effective against AIDS,<sup>3</sup> yet they are persistently recommended as safer sex. Would you recommend a friend to fly with a particular airline when you know it had a 30 – 40% chance of crashing, especially when it was a completely unnecessary trip in the first place? Condoms deprive a woman of her mate's hormones and more intense pleasure and are thus resented.

#### 18. A man is a man when he is sexually intact.

“If a man’s testicles are crushed or his penis cut off, (in modern terms this would be sterilized) he may not be included in the assembly of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 23:1). This should encourage those considering male sterilization to realize it is an offense, not only to manhood, but also to God.

#### 19. Strength of sex drive

The amount of biological drive varies with each individual. Like every human attribute the amount of sex drive is distributed on a bell shaped curve. As Christ says, there are some that are born eunuchs (Matthew 19:11-12). Obviously there are others who find it very difficult not to want to propagate their species. This is tied to Christ’s statement that not everyone can accept His teaching on divorce. The strength of a sex drive is correlated with the strength of the male animal reflecting the quality of his genes. Humans have few mechanisms for recognizing a dominant male’s stronger drive and channeling the energy behind it.

#### 20. A Virgin

In most cultures, including ancient Israel, a virgin was someone who had an intact hymen. In the Old Testament, if a man married and then had intercourse with the woman, but did not discover blood on the bed sheet, he could claim she was an adulteress. “virginity could not be proved.” (Deuteronomy 22:15 - 20). God and the Jews would have considered Mary to be committing adultery with Joseph unless she could show she was a virgin. That is why Joseph was, at first, determined to divorce her. Possibly the midwife observed and reported that Mary’s hymen was intact before she gave birth to Jesus.

#### 21. Polygamy

Polygamy was practiced by many of the greats of the Old Testament, but Jesus made it clear that this was not the way God intended it. However, scripture is remarkably free from condemning polygamy. “If two brothers are living together on the same property and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Instead, her husband’s brother must

marry her and fulfill the duties of a brother-in-law” (Deuteronomy 25:5). This rule did not appear to exclude men who were already married. Polygamy is as common as ever, but called something else, i.e. divorce and remarriage. If these observations of scripture are correct, it would appear polygamy is less an evil than divorce and remarriage. The only injunctions or prohibitions to polygamy are for would be church leaders. Pastors and elders must be the husband of one wife (I Timothy 3:2 and 12). Since man could be a pastor or an elder if he is the husband of only one wife, anyone who is divorced or anyone who has had sex with any other woman is excluded. This injunction is generally ignored because it implicates so many pastors and elders. It is seldom taught from a pulpit.

## 22. Praise

All aspects of our life are intended to be one of fellowship with, and worship of, God. It is absolutely right and necessary that people praise the Lord while they are having sex. You might argue that the two are incompatible. Not so. He wants to be thanked and praised for all the joys that God has built for our mind and body to appreciate.

## 23. Man's exocrine glands.

Man's prostate and testes are exocrine glands that are continually producing more seminal plasma and sperm. If there is no ejaculation and discharge, the fluids build up pressure creating physical and psychological tension, which seeks release in mating. "...the global odds ratio was 2.6 (95% CI=1.7--.3) while it was compared with lung cancer as the control group. This risk increased with the length of time between vasectomy and the diagnosis of cancer” (of prostatic cancer).<sup>3</sup> The sexual tensions itself is normal; designed to promote mating and propagating. Since that tension seeks relief, naturally the man will look to his partner. If his partner refuses, a man will look for other means, or another woman with whom to express his pent up fluids and energy.

A woman can understand how a man feels in this regard if she remembers what it was like when her baby abruptly stopped breast-feeding. Her breasts became painfully engorged and she looked around desperately for some way to ease her discomfort, even if it could be somebody else's baby. If she could imagine that the baby would breast feed getting her milk production in full swing and then suddenly stop again for a period and then start again, stopping and starting repeatedly, she can empathize with her husband's distress from the intermittent sex. God who designed us understands the dilemma created by our bodies. God will understand if a man cannot accept Christ's injunction regarding marriage because he cannot bare to be a eunuch, that is live as a castrated man. "Not everyone can accept this statement", Jesus said, "Only those whom God helps...Let anyone who can accept this statement" (Matthew 19:11 – 12b).

#### 24. Families.

Mating creates families and families are used as instruments of God to show His love for humans and the relationship that He has with them. Families are necessary for children. God creates and maintains bonds, man with woman, parent with child and these are indissoluble (Isaiah 49:15). Just as God created man and woman, He created marriage and families for more than one purpose. Each person and every marriage is absolutely unique. All are there to show the breadth and depth of His creation, all of which is to glorify God. God creates families through man's sexual drive and women's desire for children.

#### 25. Singleness.

For those who have been disappointed in marriage, for those who have little sexual drive and for those who are committed to putting their whole life at God's disposal, singleness appears to be approved even though marriage seems to be more natural. (I Corinthians 7:29-38). Yet many are single, because they cannot find a mate, not by choice. Being frustrated, lonely and growing old, many women elaborate a vocation to serve, not as a primary intent or out of their blueprint for singleness, but out of necessity to avoid becoming bitter. Some single Christian women try to comfort themselves by saying, "Christ is my husband and meets all my needs." It doesn't work well because Christ is not a man. God will not fertilize the ova of a woman, except for Mary,

and then only one time in history. Their self-reassuring statement is as full of conundrums as a single man saying, “Christ is my wife.”

There came a time in Israel’s history when women begged men to marry them and take away their shame. There was a desperate paucity of marriageable men. Except in China and India, it is coming to that in our history. Sadly, the church has ignored the plight of single women and single mothers who, in the average church, well outnumber men. The yearning look of lonely women and the begging in the eyes of their children for a father go ignored. But it wasn’t so in Israel’s time or the early church where widows were looked after. Many men already care for, at least pay for, more than one family. They do it badly, because those families are not allowed to live together. Not infrequently wives of different marriages get along quite well. They often sit and happily gossip about their husband.

#### 26. Widows.

In the Old Testament men were commanded to marry their brother’s widow (Genesis 38:8) for all sorts of economic and demographic reasons. In a sense, God was approving polygamy. Were the conditions different then from our time? Yes and no. There were no social services so a widow had to be provided for by her next of kin. Her brother-in-law was remedy to her shame of bareness and provide her offspring so that she would have children to care for her in her old age, and so the inheritance didn’t go to the brother, but to the dead man’s children. There are failing social services in our day; widows and divorced women and their families are not being properly provided for. The state is becoming overburdened with the costs of welfare. Taxpayers are rebelling. How then will the churches respond? Job proudly claimed to be a father to the fatherless (Job 29:12 – 13) just as God is. Could Job be father to abandoned children without being husband a husband to their mother?

#### 27. The oversexed male.

Some women complain that their man is “oversexed” and they say it with disgust. Some cultures consider men who are oversexed to be extra loving and generous with their affection and their

seminal fluids. The amount of energy a man has available for sex depends on his diet and the time and energy that are not otherwise devoted to work and war. Like all aspects of human function, an appetite can be stimulated by titillation. That is part of the tragedy of child sexual abuse. Children can be sexually excited before they have the capacity of control their desires. The tragedy of pornography is that children are stimulated to have an abnormally increased sexual desire.

Women may feign they are too tired for sex and complain that their man seems to be too energetic. In fact, women can outperform men sexually any time. With emission, men's energies are generally depleted while a woman's energies are renewed as she absorbs his hormones. Generally it takes a man more effort than it does the woman to engage in intravaginal intercourse.

The penis and vagina are ideally suited for each other but seminal plasma is not good in any other part of the body.

## 28. Control.

Many women in the western culture seem to have engineered themselves into a position of control by making themselves very desirable and at the same time unavailable except upon certain conditions. Some women will say, "I would, if he would only love me unconditionally, say sweet words all the time, bring me roses, take me on trips etc. She is establishing conditions that she won't allow her mate to make. Too readily he acquiesces because it is painful to go without sex and he has determined not to masturbate. That being the case, the God fearing man with a high sex drive who won't indulge in self-stimulation is the husband who is most easy to control. Christian men in particular are restive under wife-imposed conditions, but accept them relatively readily because they are trying to be true, faithful and loving. It is incredibly wearying on a man to live with a persistently bitter and complaining woman (Proverbs 15:17), especially if she is also frigid. You don't find frigidity mentioned in the Bible because it was so unusual for a woman not to want to have as many children as she could get.

### C. What Should Jack Do?

Can you, reader, resolve Jack's uncomfortable dilemma? Should he:

1) Seek individual or joint counselling? Unfortunately in spite of all the best counsellors and best books on marriage, the outcomes for people like Jack and Jill are not good. Jack will discover most of the books on marriage are written by those who are lucky or wise enough to choose a good mate. They can advise Jack and Jill who will try to follow that advice, but apart from their penchant to reenact unresolved conflicts from earlier life, there is also powerful conditioning at work. After 15 – 20 years of hoping, waiting and being humiliated Jack's wounds and isolation go very deeply. Apart from the frequently reinforced hurts, unresolved conflicts and growing bitterness, there has been a considerable period of growing, conditioned avoidance and this is very hard to undo. If every time a person desires sexual intimacy their hopeful approach to their partner is rejected, they are deeply hurt. That pain of humiliation punishes their approach. When it happens over and over gain not only in bed, but in their memory, the net effect is diminishing interest, a weakened bond and sometimes impotence.

2) Seek a divorce? Unfortunately divorce has many drawbacks, including the following: a) It seems to be the only unforgivable sin in the minds of many Christians. Those who have been divorced or who divorce others are considered some kind of pariah in many congregations. Other sins like killing their children through abortion don't seem to be as bad. God has never made any categorization of the importance of sin except Christ's statement about the most important commandments which embody all the others (Matthew 22:38). Christians forget that the worst sin is breaking these first two commandments. This is to ignore Christ in daily life and hate their brothers or sisters by ignoring their needs. Yet, instead of confessing the fact that they avoid their Lord and wound their brothers and sisters, they blame, reject and scapegoat the divorced. We cannot forget that scapegoating is most likely to occur when the hidden sins and/or desires of the scapegoater are most similar to the apparent sins of the scapegoated. b) If he divorces and remarries, he commits adultery. In God's eyes, by His covenant, and the bond that He creates, every divorced couple are still married until they die. Thus, when a man marries

a woman who is divorced he is committing adultery. (Matthew 5:32). Commandment number 7, do not commit adultery, coincides with number 10. Do not covet your "neighbour's wife".

(Exodus 20:14 & 17) For the fantasy is "committing adultery in his heart." (Matthew 5:29). If he divorces a woman he exposes her to the need and desire to marry again which "causes her to commit adultery" and it is thus tantamount to committing adultery himself. (Matthew 19:9) Deuteronomy 23:22 "If a man is discovered committing adultery, both he and the other man's wife must be killed and this way the evil will be cleansed from Israel." c) Jack doesn't dare divorce because he is more than likely in court and is going to lose the custody of his children. d) In a divorce children usually sympathize with their mother and condemn their father by avoiding him. This is possibly because children need to see their mother as good and stable for without her they feel they will perish. e) It has a devastating impact on children. Actually, there have been no proper studies to show how damaging divorce is compared to children living in a situation of continual tension and turmoil. The research problems arise from; i) the researchers cannot randomly assign the dependent variable "divorce" to families, so they can't make comparisons between similar groups. ii) it is impossible to take into consideration the impact on children of the turmoil in the family before the divorce in assessing the later damage in their lives. Clinical evidence indicates that the impact on a whole childhood of fighting and tension on children is more devastating than divorce and a reconstituted family where children can have the chance of seeing a healthy relationship between the parents to model their own behaviour on. f) If the property is split he loses half the net result of all his hard efforts, sometimes to a woman who has put out very little effort into any area of their married life, including the raising of their children. g) It is very tiring and expensive. h) Well after the divorce the bitter fighting continues. i) Unless they resolve the original conflicts they are likely to reenact the same problems in their next relationship.

3) Masturbate? This could relieve his sexual tension, but it goes against God's design. It helps maintain a distance which would otherwise be closed by the sexual tension, Thus masturbation: i) interferes with intimacy, ii) increases self love or narcissism, iii) produces a very hard to break habit, iv) deprives the woman of the male hormones which are life sustaining, v) may deprive a

woman of having a child and that is condemned by God. (Genesis 38:9) Churches have placed the telescope to the blind eye when it comes to masturbation, but the facts are masturbation is self-gratification in one of its worst forms. Sexual tension was designed to drive men and women into each other's arms in order to create families and babies. Without powerful sexual drives the species could die out. The early church fathers put masturbation and homosexuality into the same bucket, because they result in the same disaster to the human species.

4) Agree to sex off and on again? Unfortunately these are usually on conditions the wife sets and therefore put her in the situation of easily controlling her mate. It may result in prostatic hypertrophy, which produces partial bladder obstruction that increases the chances of bladder infection.

5) Stay drunk or doped? The difficulties here are obvious apart from the fact mainly Jack is defacing his God given design for him.

6) Engage in prostitution or pornography? These options create huge problems for everybody. People forget that prostitution is a very angry interlude of lust between a man and a woman who both generally dislike and distrust the other sex.

7) Get a mistress? This is expensive, if nothing else. It usually puts two women in competition with each other. It seems the only way a man can keep them both reasonably happy is to constantly buy presents for each of them. There is an Australian joke that goes like this; "The man takes his wife out to their favorite restaurant. They are having a wonderful feast when a beautiful woman comes by and gives him a big kiss. The wife says, 'Who's that?' He says, "That's my mistress." She hits the roof, screams and threatens divorce. He says, 'Calm down. Now consider this. If you divorce me, gone are all the wonderful holidays, beautiful evenings, wonderful dinners, trips, concerts etc.' She grows sullen and very quiet. Later on that evening, a man walks by with another beautiful woman on his arm. She says, 'Isn't that your partner Alex,

and who is that woman with him?' 'Yes that is Alex and his mistress.' 'Oh,' she says thoughtfully, 'well she's not as beautiful as our mistress.'" At which point the Australian men laugh and the women throw dishes.

8) Engage in polygamy? This also is expensive and not easily tolerated by women of this generation and this culture. However, women in other cultures and other generations saw considerable advantages to it.

9) Seduce, bribe or force his wife? He is likely to be arrested for assault. Certainly she will complain to her friends that Jack is an absolute bore, mean, drunken, sexually abusing etc.

10) Sublimate his sex drive to achieve wealth or power? Many men have done this, but found after all, nothing is as satisfying as a good sexual partner. Becoming a workaholic is not much better than becoming an alcoholic.

11) Become cynical and sad? This doesn't leave him feeling very good and certainly not many people are going to sympathize. Besides, cynicism eventually becomes ingrained.

12) Run away and join the army? Countless men have done this. As long as they are fighting furiously, sex isn't on their mind, but when they are in camp or on leave, they are confronted with the same painful dilemma.

13) Become a priest or priest like? To be celibate within a marriage, although admired by some, is incredibly difficult. How can you sleep with a warm, soft body in a silky negligee and not get turned on? Men usually attempt this by staying angry at their wife, besides. It's not the way God designed man and woman. They were not only to enjoy sex, but benefit from the physiological and psychological intimacy that He so carefully designed. Besides, as with any part of the body, disuse leads to atrophy of sexual glands.

14. Leave the marriage and get a homosexual partner? Rejection by a wife is one of 10 - 12 factors that incline men to leave their marital unhappiness and become gay.

#### **D. A Woman's Point of View**

God forbid that any man should guess at how a woman thinks. However, I have carefully listened to the stories of many thousands of women. This parable might help shed some light on why women react like they do.

Once upon a time there was a very fair young maiden who tilled a most fertile piece of land. She worked on the soil night and day, kept it fresh and free of weeds. She fenced the area, planted flowers around it and enjoyed the prospect of growing a beautiful vegetable garden, but she had no seeds.

A troubadour came by and sang wonderful songs. She enjoyed his songs, but when he said, "Fair maiden, may I plant in your garden?" She declined, for he was, after all, a troubadour and bound to wander.

Next came a handsome knight on a white charger. He strutted his stuff and she was most impressed by his "daring do" and masculinity. When he proposed to plant seeds in her garden, she declined him also, because she knew that he would soon be off to impress some other fair maiden.

She waited for a very long time for the right man. Then came a simple farmer who leaned over the fence and looked longingly at the fertile soil. He said to himself, "Truly that is most fertile soil. I could grow some wonderful crops there. I wonder who it belongs to." Then he saw the fair maiden. "Aw, fair maiden, could you share that soil with me? I so long to raise some plants that I know only I can raise." "Well" she said, "let's talk about it." Eventually he promised that he would stay by her and not only fertilize her beautiful fields, but help to help raise all the crops. And so, that is what they did.

### **E. The Solution?**

Having read all this, you must wonder, what was Jack's solution? Well, in an imperfect world there are no perfect solutions. "Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after."

Jack was wondering of course, why, if sex was so good for him and his partner, why she couldn't see it. Certainly, in North America, it appears that men are much more willing to give than women to receive, that wonderful health sustaining seminal plasma. In other cultures women are more ready to receive than men to give. Some men tend to feel that if they give away their seminal fluid too often, it weakens them.

Now Jack knew that if this situation went on much longer Jill might agree to open the lunch box with him, but by then the food would be tasteless. Neither of them would enjoy it. He knew he had to act fast. What did he do? Well, it wasn't a perfect solution.

### One Ounce of Prevention is Worth Many Pounds of Cure

The moral of this whole story is, God who designed men and women knows what is best for them. Something that is so beneficial, so enjoyable as intravaginal intercourse should result in deep intimacy, analogous to the closeness of Christ and His church. Sexual intercourse should result in many outbursts of praise to God, but too often it is used by the devil to create more problem than anything else in humanity. So, don't become Jack and Jill young people. Mate once. All you young couples enjoy freely what God has given you freely and never use it as an opportunity to hurt or control your partner. After all, God designed you and He never goes against His own design.

- Men, don't be ashamed of your sex or sex organ or your sexuality.
- Firmly take leadership for your family as with God's strength and guidance you go to war with the Devil. Be prepared to die for them

There is a proper sequence to matching and mating. It should start in the church with everybody trying to be helpful in finding the person's proper mate. It should not be left to instinct or falling

in love or chemistry or soul mate or anything else. Those instincts almost invariably indicate this curious propensity of humans to find the ‘right’, wrong person to reenact their unresolved conflicts, which end in tragedy. Selecting a mate is one of the most important decisions a person will ever make. It can’t be left to anything short of a lot of prayer, a lot of encouragement and guidance from others and clear headed thinking. The betrothal should result in a formal covenant. The marriage is some secluded place where they kneel beside their bed, ask God to unite them, take their clothes off and become married by God. The celebration comes after that event, a time when they come before the congregation, which holds its breath awaiting the answer to a critical question. The pastor or priest asks, “Are you “married?” When they say yes, he can announce to the congregation that they are Mr. and Mrs.... That sparks the beginning of a great celebration. Then they have a year of sabbatical. The details of their Christian marriage you will find in, “The Wedding Feast.”<sup>3</sup>

Let no one deprive a man of the joy that God built in to the expressing his sexuality. Use this information to direct you in the proper use of your sex and never use it as a weapon to dehumanize people, especially your mate. There is no question that the principles that God gives us coincide with His design. They are most likely to result in a good marriage, good sex and longevity.

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