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SEX & SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE

Item on sex and sexuality.

The 21st century is highly improved with modern science and technology but a number of things are losing direction. Some parents today lack skills for parenthood. Children in society are without discipline, there is a lot of child/adolescent or teenage pregnancy given the fact that children are exposed to sex with no guidance at an earlier age. The televisions, radios and smart phone are all circulated with sex information which erodes the minds of the children. Fornication is so rampant today, early and child marriage. A lot of young people take sex for fun, this has promoted sexual immorality resulting to evil practices like bestiality, homosexuality, incest among others.

Task

- a) Explain the Biblical teaching on sex that can help the problems presented in the scenario.
- b) How can traditional African approaches on sex help to solve the challenges presented in the scenario above?

Item on marriage

Traditionally in Africa, marriage was a community affair, upon giving birth to a child, the sex of the child would be identified which marked the grooming of husband and wife. Parents ensured that their son or daughter was properly raised for a successful marriage. Fathers and mothers groomed their children for marriage, Aunts and Uncles were the major sex educators, uncles were responsible for raising sexually functioning and responsible husbands and aunts ensured the raising of a loyal, respectful and a virgin wife. Traditionally it was a taboo for a girl to lose her virginity before marriage, in societies like that of the Ganda virginity was awarded with a young goat, given to the parents of a virgin girl as a sign of appreciation. When one reached the age of marriage, parents would take the initiative to find a proper partner for their child and for this reason cases of adultery, divorce and domestic violence were very rare in the past.

Task

- (a) Explain the Christian marriage practices that are similar to those in the scenario.
- (b) How is marriage in the contemporary society different from that presented in the scenario?

Item on marriage/sex

A husband should fulfill his duty as a husband to his wife, and in the same way a wife should fulfill her duty as a wife to her husband. The wife is not the master of her own body, but the husband is; in the same way the husband is not the master of his own body, but the wife is. Do not refuse to have sexual relations with each other, except perhaps by agreement for a time so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Afterward you are to resume normal marital relations, so that Satan will not be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. Now, I say to those who are not married and to the widows: it would be good for you to remain as I am. But if you cannot restrain your desires, go ahead and marry—it is better to marry than to burn with desire. For those who are married I have a command, not from myself but from the Lord: a wife must not leave her husband; if she does leave him, she is to remain single or else be reconciled to her husband; and a husband must not divorce his wife. (1 Corinthians 7:3-5,8-11)

Task

- (a) How does the teaching in the text above guide young people concerning marriage?
- (b) How are people in modern society in regard to marriage contradict themselves to Apostle Paul's teaching in the bible text above?