

Saving oneself relationally, physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually for the person you commit to spend the rest of your life with in a marriage relationship is a wisdom from God.

You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride; you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain.

Song of Songs 4:4

now

Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you:

Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

Song of Songs 2:7

VIRGINITY IS WAITING ...

The body is not meant for sexual immorality... ¹⁶Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:13b;16-20

FOR THE ...

... physical act

... mental marker

... relational union

... emotional bond

... spiritual act of worship

THE WISDOM OF MODESTY PRESERVES VIRGINITY

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:3-4

At the window of my house I looked out through the lattice. ⁷I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment. ⁸He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house ⁹ at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in. ¹⁰Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

²¹With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. ²²All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose ²³till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life. ²⁴Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. ²⁵Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. ²⁶Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. ²⁷Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7:6-10: 21-27

WHAT'S OUR CURRENT VIEW OF MODESTY AND VIRGINITY DOING TO OUR YOUNG WOMEN AND YOUNG MEN?

A <u>SAFE COMMUNITY</u> WHICH <u>PROTECTS</u> MODESTY AND VIRGINITY

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God...

¹²For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret...
¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit... ¹⁹Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord...

Ephesians 5:1-5; 12; 18-19

NEXT STEPS

RESOURCES
Pure Desire -- Ted Roberts
Dateable -- Justin Lookado
Book of Romance -- Tommy Nelson