



## **Almost SEX: How far is too far – let us deal with the MAIN POINT today!**

How far is too far? So, have you drawn some kind of line in your relationship? Where is that line for you now? Can you write your boundary line here \_\_\_\_\_.

**Now the big question is, have you gone over that line, be it accidentally or intentionally?**

Now let me ask you this, your friend who knows your weakness and those vulnerable places you would slip into, if he were to draw that line for you, where would he draw it?

To have a **better understanding** of yourself and your limits is an important key.

Keeping yourself pure and abstaining until marriage is very important for emotional, physical and social health.

For the youngsters today, whether one has had sex or not is all a play on words. Many of them tell me that they have never had sex. But then they go on to admit that they have had Oral sex or Anal sex. They don't consider it as sex. Shocking? May be not shocking to you 😊

IF you think the hook up, the casual sexual encounters or being in the “friends with benefits” club saves you from heartache or makes you a power player, think again.

**You have bought the lie that it is manly to bed every Betsy you meet or at least the hot ones and then over a period of time you will settle down when you find the ‘right one’. The problem is you are just wearing yourself out.**

Think of sex as a roller coaster. You keep riding it with different girls or guys; some you may really care about and others you don’t really care about much. Over period of time the excitement that you once got, starts wearing off. By now, you know the big climbs and those turns and when your stomach churns and so forth. It just does not give you the thrill that it used to give you, during the initial times.

And then eventually you find the special someone and you get married. Your newlywed partner is all excited to start off on this thrilling journey with you and here you are all worn out and hardly impressionable or excited. But of course, the worst scenario would be when both the newly married spouses have played around and are worn out. That is just simply dry and frustrating. This is just one angle of it.

Do you see what God intended the two people in a marriage to enjoy and how it becomes dry and meaningless because they just couldn’t wait for the right time? I hear what you are saying... “Hey dude, I have urges and desires. How can I go about without satisfying them?” I hear you scream, “Dude, it is impossible?” Yes I get it. It is hard to resist and easy to give in.



**But, can we not see the obvious? With all the connections and premature curious give ins and give outs in sexual behaviour, why are there still so many marriages crumbling down? Why are there so many abuses happening inside the marriage? Why are there so many cases of impotency? Why are there so many cases of depression? Why are there so many cases of murder and suicides inside marriages? Why? Why? Why?**

Let me throw in just a few facts.

A survey revealed that out of those surveyed 67% of teens who’d had sexual intercourse wished they had waited longer ~ *Washington DC review: 2003*

*(This is for those who say that it is good for me to try out and experiment and be prepared for marriage)*

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is a **virus** responsible for 99.7 % of cervical cancer cases and deaths in women. If ingested orally through oral sex, it can be responsible for both head and neck cancer and oral warts. ~ *Oral HPV behaviour Mar 10, 2004.*

*(This is for those who say that we are not having physical intercourse. It is just other forms of experimenting. What is the big deal about it?)*

In the US, more than 19 million STD infections occur annually. Half of them are contracted by youth ranging in ages from 15 to 24. ~ *CDC Trends: General Research: 2003*

*(This is for those who say, I am young and if I don't play around now, when will I ever get time to play around.)*

51% of teen marriages end up in divorce before the age of 24. ~ *U.S. Bureau of Statistics.* — Let me add to this statistics from another source — Another 40% of such early marriages end up in abuse and manipulation and domestic violence. Another 7% end up living frustrated lives which leads into depression. So just 2% of these early marriages hold ground (because they make a U-turn somewhere in between realising their mistakes of the past) ~ *one click away research portal.*

*(This is for those who are strong in trying to get the relationship work and somehow even work it out and feel good they have done it. The interesting fact is that it is not just the point at which marriage happens. It is life after that)*

That much said; in the next few weeks I will take time to share a few things on a few other aspects. But I am just making ONE point today. **IT IS WORTH THE WAIT! IT IS SURELY WORTH IT!** Ask your older friends, older brothers and sisters and even your parents. They will tell you.

If you are someone who finds it hard to curb the urge, you have to make a conscious decision on how you think about sex. You need to raise your standards and look into fruits that could yield on a longer run. Not short, quick, instant satisfaction.

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“Good guys are looking for good girls. And there is a shortage. So be that girl”

Several years ago, I had this guy come up to me during a camp. He said that he is under tremendous pressure to sleep around because most of his friends are sleeping around. Then he said something interesting. “Since I am a man and when I sleep around, it doesn't affect a man right? It only affects the girl.” I smiled and asked him another question. “What kind of a girl

would you like to marry? A girl who has played around and slept around or the one who has kept herself true and pure (could have slipped here and there)” He immediately answered “I want a girl who has kept herself true and pure”

Wow! Wow! Then I said, “You desire a girl who has kept herself true and pure, but you don’t want to keep yourself true and pure? Is there not a mismatch in how you desire and think?”



Hey guys and girls! I find myself repeating this often, yet I say it again. Be careful, how you live. **Invest into a future that will be a blessing for your children. Today I see so many kids hurt and neglected and abused because they pay for the choices their parents had taken, while in their youth.** But, I say, although it may seem early, think about the long future ahead. Think about the kids you will someday have. Be wise. **God has made you very precious. Please don’t throw your precious life on the streets for the pigs. Keep it precious, safeguard it. Hold it. Wait for it. Life is fragile; you can either break it or make it.**