

# Crimson & White Connection

A ministry of prayer and encouragement to "High School, College, & Singles" (& others, too)  
**Values & Character + Spiritual Life + Relationships + Fun stuff**

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## Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 50% of the mailing list is students, middle and high school and college, and 25% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 25% since, well, they're old. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified and risen, and is the *only* way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong.

Our goal is mail in your mail box about 15 times a year. We're trying to say that you are important enough for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk. We also distribute a daily email devotional.

Another part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for those on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for you.

A college student reader chose the name **Crimson and White Connection** based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. -- If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

**If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.**

**You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today. John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!**

February 10, 2009

## Is it LOVE? How far is too far?

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We're going to try making this a "Valentine's Day" issue. The January "SEX" issue prompted a college student to write me.

On a morning TV show today (2/2/09) as I write this, they had two "relationship experts" onto answer questions from people. The "teaser" questions included, "Is it normal to move in together after five months of dating?" - Well, they never asked or answered that question... A question and answer and reaction I thought was quite interesting. - From the audience, "After four years as my boyfriend, he hasn't popped the question. Is that normal?" The female "expert" immediately responded, "No! Why don't you ask him what his intentions are? He may not be thinking of marriage and you need to move on." The guy expert, obviously assuming more, started with, "After living together.." and the young lady in the audience IMMEDIATELY interrupted him with, "No! We're NOT living together. We are not living together." she repeated. - SOME people, some "experts," ASSUME that living together, sleeping together, and casual sex is the "norm."

In this issue of the Crimson & White Connection, I am going to ASSUME that you are among those that agree with abstaining from sex until married. It's the smart status. It's the safer practice. It's God's plan for relationships. - If you've gone too far, God allows U-turns. You cannot make a new beginning, but you can make a new direction, starting right now.

*In Christ, Rich*

There are some fun cartoons on pages 6 and 7, too.

 *From my mail box... mostly my e-mail in box) ... mail will be edited to protect your privacy.* [I will ALWAYS delete things that would identify you from e-mails you send me unless you specifically tell me I can use your name.]

Subject: latest C&W      Date: 1/27/2009 10:42:27 A.M. Eastern Standard Time  
 From: s\_\_\_c\_\_\_@gmail.com

Rich,

I just finished reading the latest Crimson & White [Jan 15, 2009 - SEX]. You have no idea how glad I am that you are an adult, an "old" guy as you put it, who is willing to talk about sex. However, I think you kinda missed some important things, though it has been a while since I have read C&W, so it might have been covered in previous issues, which I seem to remember also had to do with relationships. You gave the physical reasons for not having sex (pregnancy, emotional, STDs, etc). But what about God? Doesn't He command abstinence as well?

Secondly, it is easy to say "We won't have sex before marriage," but to think "it's ok for you to touch me there, because we're not having sex, right?" Anyone can attest that you do not just go from having dinner to having sex in a few minutes. It builds as passion and lust builds. My question is where before sex do I draw the line? holding hands? kissing? How can I tell if my boyfriend, who is a Christian, is changing because of me or because of his desire to please God? Does it matter why he or I change? (I know that the "why" of changing my life matters a lot, but it's hard to tell why other people change) Should I have to ask my boyfriend if I am

“allowed” to tell my family what has already gone on? I am still virgin, thanks be to the Lord, but my friend Lisa described it this way: I feel like a birthday present that has ben unwrapped and rewrapped with the same paper a few times. No one opened the box, but who wants a present that was obviously re-wrapped?

Those are a few questions that came to my mind as I read C&W the other day.

You also mentioned that if we wanted a purity ring, we could email you and ask. Will you send me one? I had one for a long time, but I misplaced the ring and have not been able to find it.

Thank you for writing C&W,

R\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/27/2009

You ask a lot of good questions. I don't mean to put you off, but I want to give you good answers, not just quick ones, and I am really pressed right at this moment today. [I did put this answer together and get back to them.]

Let me ask you a couple questions... First, which R\_\_\_ are you. I don't have this e-mail address listed in my database for any of the R\_\_\_s. Second, I need your ring size. Stop at a jewelry store or the jewelry counter at WalMart, whatever, and get me your comfortable ring size.

In a rush. Got to go.

Rich

Date: 1/27/2009 From: s\_\_c\_\_@gmail.com

Rich,

I would much rather you take your time in answering these questions, but thank you for getting back to me so soon in your busy schedule. My ring size is \_\_\_\_.

I'm R\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, but I am at college right now, so if you would send it to my college address: \_\_\_\_\_

R\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/28/2009 From: Rdymmel@AOL.com

To: s\_\_c\_\_@gmail.com

I'm working on 2 things.

(1) I have a piece written for you about “the line.” Let me ask a question... Your email was really well written, can I use it as an intro to the response and print it in the C&WC? - I will delete names to make it anonymous ... I want Marie to proofread and critique what I wrote. She generally doesn't change much if anything, but sometimes she thinks I say a little too much, not enough, too strong, etc. Give me another day yet. I have 3 theological questions I got Monday from a relatively new Christian that we're composing answers to and my Pastor is critiquing my reply to be sure I've said it right.

(2) I'll start looking for a ring ... We did this for 3 kids last year. The 2 girls asked, “Does this still allow kissing?” Sure, if you want to.

Talk to you soon,

Rich

Date: 1/28/2009 From: s\_\_c\_\_@gmail.com

Yes, you can use my email as an intro. I'm glad to know Marie is a big part of this too. I'll be looking forward to your response

Thank you for the ring, I appreciate it a lot.

Rebecca

Subject: Here's my answer Date: 1/29/2009

From: Rdymmel@AOL.com

How come answers are generally longer than the question? And “guy conversations” are “supposed” to go, “Yup.” “Maybe” Yup” “Nope” “Bye.”

Anyway, here's my lengthy answer to your question. Marie read and approved and agreed. She asked, “Did you look up that book [*Return to Modesty*] online?” “Nope, I have it. Found it a couple years ago at the used book store.” [See? Short “guy” answers.] It's an interesting book / slant on looking at a lot of things. I bought 2 copies at a used bookstore... can't find one of them right now... I loaned it to someone... Hmmm.

Josh McDowell has written a couple straight to the point books on the subject, *Why Wait?* and *Why True Love Waits*. There are several other cool books I'd suggest like Hammond's *Secrets of an Irresistible Woman* and *If Men Are Like Busses How Do I Catch One*. Both are great, fun reads. The principles apply to guys as well. Let me know if I can help you get them or borrow them if you're interested.

Rich

Subject: Re: Here's my answer Date: 1/29/2009

Rich,

Thank you so much, this is a big help to me and I appreciate your willingness to help us “young people” out with this kind of thing. I wish there were a concise answer that I didn't have to think about, but I know God is using this to teach me.

R\_\_\_\_\_

## **FINALLY!!! Here's my answer to the question, “How far is too far?” (Too far, modesty, ... goes for guys AND gals)**

1/29/09

R\_\_\_\_\_

Excellent question - “... where before sex do I draw the line? holding hands? kissing?” - The answer isn't quite as easy. And the **principles** I'll try to spell out here **apply to guys, too.**

Marie has had friends where the first kiss was when the minister said, “You may kiss the bride.” I'll be honest, that is not where Marie and I drew the line. We did a lot of kissing before we were married... and a lot after, too. If you go back and find the article “Thirsty Camels and Prince Charming” in previous issues of the C&WC (look online at [www.CrimsonWhite.org](http://www.CrimsonWhite.org), back issues) you'll see in our story that we waited for the sex part. Find the article “Has Character or Is a Character” in a back issue and at the end of the article is a list of great reads on dating, etc.

The Biblical words are fornication... having intercourse with someone you are not married to, adultery, and sexual immorality. The Bible is very clear and specific about abstaining. Adultery is where one or both people are married, but not to each other. If you look up fornication, adultery, and sexual immorality in a concordance, you will find dozens of mentions, and all except the printing error on the first King James Bibles in 1611 will say DO NOT do this or refer to it as unacceptable. (The printer made a typeset error and left “not” out of Ex 20:14. Those are

very rare collectors items, worth several hundred thousand dollars. It was soon found and corrected. It was a printing error, not a translation error, etc. They had one at the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit when it traveled the country a couple years ago.) A few refer to spiritual adultery, like 6 out of 33 is what I counted. It's a long list. I don't think there's any question there. "Be specific," you say. Okay. In Acts 15:20,29 and 21:25 "abstain from fornication." I Corinthians 6:13,18. v.18-20: "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor 10:8. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;" Exodus 20:14 " You shall not commit adultery." Is that clear? There shouldn't be any question that? That is "over the line." And from *Easton's Bible Dictionary*, a few references: "In every form of it was sternly condemned by the Mosaic law (Lev. 21:9; 19:29; Deut. 22:20, 21, 23-29; 23:18; Ex. 22:16)." That Exodus citation is interesting: "16And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife." - Translation: You "sleep" with her, you marry her.

I think maybe the best way to answer your "where do I draw the line" question is to say it's like a cliff. - Now me, I do not like cliffs. I do NOT like the edge of the roof. I can go up the ladder, oh, 10 or 14 feet, if it's reasonably sturdy. I can get on our roof (a one story house). But even only one story up, I can walk around comfortably with the blower clearing leaves and stuff. But I do NOT get right at the edge. My heart speeds up if I do. - So how close do you get to the edge of the roof, or the edge of the cliff? - At some places where there is a steep drop off they erect a railing. Some people stand behind the railing, some lean on the railing, some lean OVER the railing. Me, I stand about 3 feet back from the railing if the cliff is deep enough.

Back to sex... You're right, sometimes. You said, "you do not just go from having dinner to having sex in a few minutes." And that is generally the case in real life, although not according to some of what is portrayed in TV and movies. Just looked it up on line, an abcNews poll showed 29% of people had sex on a first date. Another article asked the question, without an answer, 'How many of those had a second date?' - So what happens for lasting relationships? Generally there is a "build up," it's a path. The question might be phrased, "If I get on this path that leads to sex at the end, where do I stop and sit on the bench along the side and say, 'I'm not going any further.'?" Let's face it; reality; if you "go out" with someone, it might lead to more, it might lead to marriage (since we're not talking arranged marriages here, you'll not marry someone you don't go out with), and marriage will include sex. Sex is a part of intimacy; it is a mystical union; it bonds people. "Every date is a potential mate." Choose carefully who you go out with.

Getting on the path starts with even talking with someone, maybe you like them, so you spend some time together. - In some cultures even today, that's not even allowed, you don't even START on the path. - The next question is, 'How far down the path do I go?' - For some, they may go over the guard railing and hang out over the edge of the cliff with a safety rope to get a picture, or just for the feeling. With sex you might say this is the equivalent of getting naked but he has a condom on, just in case you fall. Some people they can handle being closer to the railing than others. That may be "necking," or kisses, or holding hands. - There was an interesting movie on TV last weekend shown by Hallmark called "Loving Leah." (It will be available at Hallmark card shops by the end of Feb '09.) Story line: She was from an orthodox Jewish family, married, her husband died soon after, they had no children. So Jewish custom

*(This was in the previous issue. When it went to the printer, I thought the white text would be readable on the background. I've moved the text to the lighter areas and did that in black. Hope it is readable this time. It works on my printer on my desk.)*

Subject: Re: Su., 11/30/08 – illustrated  
 Date: 11/30/2008 From: "Mike"@\_\_\_.net  
 Thanks bro,  
 A picture is worth..... 8)  
 Mike G\_\_\_

Su., 11/30/08 – illustrated  
 A visual for today.  
 Have a blessed day.  
 Rich  
 Sometimes we understand a message when it is simply illustrated..

(Don't go to "God wouldn't "miss pieces." Just enjoy the principle in the cartoon: Jesus does protect us. I think He allows some things so we'll be aware, be grateful, shape us, ... His thinking (ways) are above our ways; don't try to figure Him out.)



...and you question God - 'why me?' ... always look at the bigger picture... .

A day without the Lord - Is a day wasted.

was that if he had an unmarried brother, the brother was supposed to marry the widow to produce children so the dead brother's name would live on and not be forgotten. They didn't really want to do this, but a lot of family pressures... So they got married, a marriage of convenience, in name only, separate bedrooms, just for show, and the plan was that they would eventually dissolve the marriage as unsuccessful in producing children for the brother, and they could both then move on with their lives. - It's a really cute movie. (Okay, it's a "chick flick." But we both like "feel good," "fun," "romantic" movies.) There's more but I won't tell you the whole story. - The relevant point... At one point he notices she wears a wig. He sees a picture she has of herself with husband #1 and has beautiful long hair. She says that her beautiful hair is only for her husband's eyes and pleasure, other men aren't to see it, enjoy it, or be tantalized by her hair. ... It's part of Jewish customs of modesty. ... There is a book, written by a 20-something Jewish college grad titled *Return To Modesty, discovering the lost virtue* (Shalit, 1999). On pages 3-4 the Jewish "laws of modesty" were summarized in a story she tells of 3 pictures an elderly couple show her of their granddaughter. The engagement picture - a thin line of blue sky separated them in the picture, not all "huggie." The wedding picture - embracing tightly. On the beach, holding the baby, and she's wearing a hat. ... "A married woman cannot leave her hair uncovered," says the grandfather. ... Wendy's summary of Jewish modesty: "No touching, touching, wear a hat." ... Modesty. "Touching" had a proper place. The hat; protecting, reserving what is only for each other in the marriage.

Back to your question of "Where do you draw the line?" - Sorry, I can't give you a simple answer. You have to decide. - For the "modestyniks" in *Return to Modesty* it may be "no touching." For some it's no kissing. For others... there is a scene and dialog from an old episode of "7th Heaven" on TV that goes like this. The little sister is asking the big sister these same kinds of "How far?" questions. The big sister says something like, 'If you stick to just kissing, you won't have to worry about any of the rest of that stuff.'

Once you get too close to the cliff, the ground may crumble and give way, you might trip and fall, the railing breaks, someone may even push you accidentally or on purpose... and you fall over the cliff.

Love and sex are both very emotionally charged things. And emotions can run over logic and rationality. YOU have to decide where "the line" is ahead of time. Know what you want and don't want. In the heat of the moment, the brain and logic and reason may not necessarily function well. Sex is not referred to as "sleeping with someone" for nothing. The brain sort of goes into neutral for thinking, making rational choices, while "sleeping," in both senses of the word. - Like an athlete practices and practices until they don't have to think, it's burned into their brain, "This is how we \_\_\_." That is what you rehearse. "No. No further. Stop."

Guys and gals... the way you dress... At some schools, high schools and a few colleges, there are "dress codes" and behavior standards. Part of the dress code is about modesty. And, okay, I'm a guy, and guys' brains are wired differently than girls. It's true, a literal biological fact. Guys think differently than girls. And some girls really don't know what they are doing to the guys around them by how they dress. And then again some are very much aware of the attention that certain attire attracts. - There is a line from another book on modesty, (*Sexy Girls, How Hot Is Too Hot?* DiMarco, 2006, back cover) that goes, "If it ain't on the menu, keep it covered up!"

- A short skirt, that when you sit down you feel like you need to tug your hem down to be at least sort-of-modest, is too short. Modest doesn't mean frumpy. You can dress super-sharp in a medium or long skirt or pants. You can be "frumpy" in a medium or long skirt. You can be immodest in a super tight long skirt with a slit up to \_\_\_. - Too tight? Not good. Sloppy doesn't speak well of what you are trying to say either. Is your attire saying "Hey! Look at this sexy person over here!" or are you making a statement that says, "There is quality over here; got-it-together, self-confident." Do your clothes draw people's eyes to your face or your body? - If you are drawing attention to your body, and that's what you are "advertising," don't be surprised when people assume that's what's "on the menu." - And I've seen guys dress to attract attention, too. This isn't just a gal thing. - In Matthew 5:28, Jesus addressed lust, and lust is stirred often by what is "advertised" by you (guys and girls). He says, "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

And the last thing you ask about in your email. - A "purity ring" is a reminder to yourself and a statement to others. You decide what that statement is. It certainly is to say, "I am keeping sexually pure for my future spouse." Does that mean no kissing, hugging, ... That has to be YOUR decision what YOU feel is too much. It specifically says no to sex. - Some people take rings off to remove the statement, they aren't really committed. ... I am reminded of the Camp Pastor at M-Fuge one Summer. He told of his friends who he knew were having sex. He said, 'I asked him how he could do that, especially when you both wear WWJD bracelets? And my friend replied, Oh, we take the bracelets off when we're having sex.' They lacked an internal commitment. The bracelet, like an ring, is external. A "purity ring" should be a serious statement worn on the outside representing a serious commitment on the inside.

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



VALENTINES DAY at Euphoria Elementary got out of hand resulting in the suspension of 'Cupid' for violating the .. No Weapons policy, .. the Dress Code, and .. his candy hearts were deemed to be a controlled substance (sugar).

## 150 Ways to Make Love (Without “Doing It”)

- 1) Hold Each Other Close
- 2) Give or Get a Hug
- 3) Make the other person feel important and impressive
- 4) Eskimo kiss
- 5) Find constellations in the stars
- 6) Tell the other person that you care
- 7) Hold Hands
- 8) Go for a long bike ride
- 9) Spend a day at the Zoo
- 10) Be there when you are needed
- 11) Spend time together
- 12) Give a foot rub
- 13) Walk arm in arm
- 14) Make a special tape of love songs
- 15) Talk about your feelings
- 16) Share dreams with each other
- 17) Snuggle up together
- 18) Have a water gun fight
- 19) Take a walk together
- 20) Take a nap together
- 21) Have a picnic in a park or on the lawn or in the dorm lounge. Bring blanket, radio, lunch
- 22) Play a game of Frisbee
- 23) Give compliments
- 24) Relax in a hot tub
- 25) Go swimming
- 26) Just be close
- 27) Go shopping
- 28) Cook a meal together
- 29) Touch each other in a loving way
- 30) Study together
- 31) Plan and go on a day-trip together
- 32) Throw a party together
- 33) Bake Cookies
- 34) Go to the library and read or study
- 35) Browse in a museum
- 37) Find out what's special for the other person and do it
- 36) Just be there
- 38) Do aerobics together
- 39) Gaze into each other's eyes
- 40) Wash each other's cars
- 41) Go fishing
- 42) Talk to each other
- 43) Listen when the other is upset
- 44) Work on a school project together
- 45) Choose a special, favorite song
- 46) Listen to joys
- 47) Tell the other person that you love them
- 48) Use eye contact or secret code to share a special thought
- 49) Write each other love letters
- 50) Talk on the telephone
- 51) Feed each other
- 52) Read romantic poetry to each other
- 53) Meet each other's family
- 54) Go hiking together
- 55) Attend InterVarsity, FCA, or BSU together
- 56) Send candy
- 57) Respect the other's opinion
- 58) Go for a moonlight walk
- 59) Hide a love note where the other will find it
- 60) Blow kisses across the room
- 62) Send Flowers
- 61) Write a poem
- 64) Go to a concert
- 63) Wink at each other
- 65) Watch the sunrise together
- 66) Take a leisurely drive together
- 67) Give each other pet names
- 68) Go sightseeing
- 69) Rent a romantic video
- 70) Do things for each other without being asked
- 71) Give shoulder and neck rubs
- 72) Whisper something sweet in the other's ear
- 73) Find out what makes the other Happy
- 74) Go horseback riding
- 75) Go out Dancing
- 76) Meet each other's friends
- 77) Flirt with each other
- 78) Stay in and have a dance party
- Buy a 'beach music' or 'swing' CD set
- 79) Wrestle
- 80) Laugh at something together
- 81) Make a list of things you like about each other
- 82) Hide an unexpected note to brighten their day
- 83) Share private jokes
- 84) Find out what makes the other sad
- 85) Read a book together
- 86) Cook each other's favorite food
- 87) Be best friends
- 88) Make each other gifts
- 89) Do laundry together
- 90) Watch the sunset
- 91) Tell funny jokes
- 92) Feed ducks in the park
- 93) Put a 'personal ad' in the paper
- 94) Share lifetime goals
- 95) Play "Footsie"
- 96) Go rollerblading
- 97) Go to a roller skating or ice skating rink
- 98) Take candles for dinner at McD's
- 99) Dinner at a nice, dress-up place
- 100) Share an ice cream cone
- 101) Swing at the playground
- 102) Eat together in the cafeteria
- 103) Take candles to dinner in the cafeteria
- 104) Go bowling
- 105) Read this list!! and add to it!!
- 106) Kiss – Necking, and first agree to no contact below the shoulders
- 107) Play catch (with a ball)
- 108) Send a greeting card
- 109) Find greeting cards and read them to each other
- 110) Get yourself a greeting card software and make and send lots of cards - Some software lets you create your own cards
- 111) Register with Career Services
- 112) Go to church together
- 113) Watch the game
- 114) Ask each other out on a date
- 115) Go shopping with a \$7 limit for buying gifts
- 116) Pretend you have a \$100 limit and shop for gifts you would have bought
- 117) Color in a coloring book
- 118) Clean your room
- 119) Visit the zoo
- 120) Visit the Animal Shelter
- 121-125) Find a community project to do together – recycle – Habitat - Soup kitchen – Read to children at the library – the animal shelter
- 126) Attend an old movie or jazz festival
- 127) Watch old movies on AMC
- 128) Read each other's horoscopes – also usually on menus at Chinese restaurants
- 129) Rent a movie
- 130) Instead of \$15 to see a movie, buy a game at a toy store – good for several dates and parties
- 131) Go grocery shopping
- 132) Make popcorn
- 133) Feed each other popcorn
- 134) Sing to each other
- 135) Feed each other grapes
- 136) Make hot chocolate
- 137) Do the Hustle, shag, swing, ...
- 138) Take a dance class together
- 139) Get up early for the sunrise
- 140) Play a board game
- 141-144) Play tennis, pool, golf, miniature golf, ...
- 145) Play card games – Rummy, Pinochle, Hearts ...
- 146) Make sundaes
- 147) Work out at the gym together
- 148) Make a tape of favorite songs
- 149) Take pictures of each other all over town, have them "1 hour processed," and make a collage.
- 150) Tell why you respect each other

Deciding to be abstinent and not “do it” can allow your relationships to grow and become more secure. Allow time to get to know each other, share thoughts, and to become best friends... Sex in a relationship can rush things and cause feelings of insecurity and uncertainty. It may even hurt the relationship. Slow down! Get to know each other .... Explain each other's feelings and needs. Good communication is essential and may help you and your partner decide that abstinence is best for the two of you. Abstinence until marriage IS best according to many sources and research findings on divorce and marriage.

Some of these ideas were borrowed from “101” lists from Texas A&M University, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and Duke University web sites. Suggestions there included “go to church together,” but also several suggestions that are NOT recommended at all because they are too intimate and/or are potential high risk sexual lead ins. However, I personally know several parents that wish their kids would have done ALL the things suggested at ALL these web sites and even more rather than “doing it” so they wouldn't have had to have dealt with the words “pregnant” and “abortion” and “quickly get married.”

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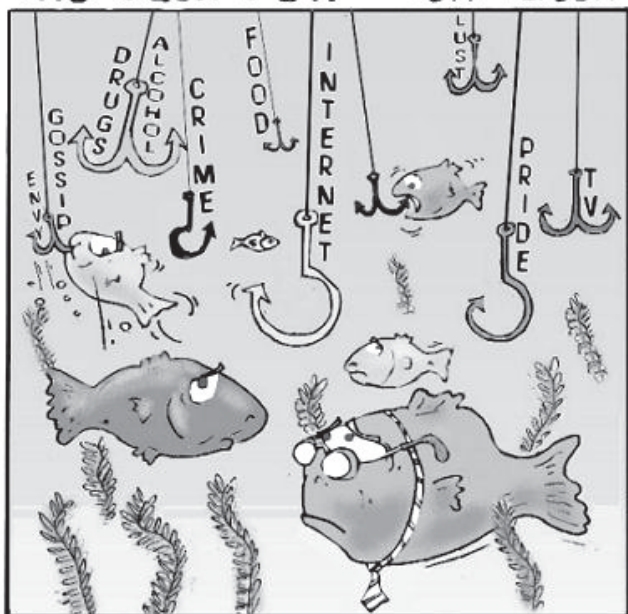
**A woman's heart should be so hidden in God that a man has to seek Him just to find her.**

- Max Lucado



**VALENTINE TIP:** No matter how good the deal, don't buy roses at the Hardware Store. (inspired by actual Sunday paper ad)

**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



**LIVE FROM THE BAIT CAM.. Satan's hooks**

**Tyra Banks Show - 2/2/09**

Mom: "she came home, came in my room, I looked at her and said, 'You've had sex.' I could tell on her face."

"She doesn't trust me. I'm 15. I should be able to run my own life." ... "Yes, I sneak out." To see someone? "Yes--" How old is old? "-- 18--" .... Lied to mom about where you were? "Yes." ... I want you to use GPS tracking phone as your ONLY phone for 3 months (such a look of horror). Just 3 months. Tell her where you're going. Try to regain her trust. ... "Okay (reluctantly)."

At 14 was texting with someone in TX. Said he was 17. Explicit. Mom called him; he wasn't 17. Called the local authorities in TX.

At 15, they want to get married... "We're already having sex and everything." How often? "Twice a day. I've been trying to get pregnant for a year."

**KARTOON KNUGGETS**

By Troy Knechte



Well... now you know why it's best to stay on the path

Now that you know these things you will be blessed if you do them John 13:17

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**A few suggested good reads on relationships...**

Are you a "romantic"? Are you interested in having a great "romantic life"? Have I found the book for you. It's written by a GUY and his wife. It is really good. - *When God Writes Your Love Story* by Eric & Leslie Ludy, Loyal Publishing, 1999, ISBN 1-929125-00-3.

*How to Know If Someone Is Worth Pursuing in Two Dates or Less*, 1999, Neil Clark Warren [The chapter that first caught my eye was "Making the deal." What do you have to offer in the deal?] *Date or Soul Mate?*, 2002, Neil Clark Warren, ISBN: 0-7852-6539-2 (re-titled, 2nd printing of How to Know...) (He's the one you see on TV that is behind eHarmony.com. From what I heard on M&J Show (2/3/09), the matching site is based on principles in this book.)

*If Men Are Like Busses Then How Do I Catch One*, Hammond [Yea, it's written to gals, but the same principles apply and guys can read it too.] ISBN 0-7394-1324-4

*The Secrets of an Irresistible Woman*, Michelle McKinney Hammond, ISBN 1-56507-843-8 [This one is primarily a 'chick book.']

*Boy Meets Girl*, Harris

*What To Do Until Love Finds You*, Michelle McKinney Hammond, 1997, ISBN 1-56507-531-5

*Wait For Me, Rediscovering the joy of purity in romance*, Rebecca St.James, 2002. ISBN 0-7852-7129-9 Chap 6 is "Second Chance"

**And on modesty...**

*Sexy Girls, How Hot Is Too Hot?* Haley DiMarco, ISBN 10:0-8007-3084-4. 2006. (Highly recommended also by a female teacher at ACS.)

*A Return to Modesty, Discovering the Lost Virtue*, Wendy Shalit, 1999, Free Press, ISBN: 0-684-84316-1



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150 Ways to make love without "doing it"  
**A few suggested good reads**

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**Character is what you are in the dark.**

**The integrity of the upright shall guide them.  
Proverbs 11:3**

*"It is not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."*

*Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. Daniel 1:8*

*-- Daniel decided in what his values and standards were an how he would conduct himself. Deciding on what "line" you won't cross in advance, makes it easier later. --*