

“You Belong to God” Series #5 –
God, Sex and Waiting - March 11, 2018

“This is the will of God, your sanctification... (1 Thess. 4:3).

Where’s the Gospel in all of this?

“God gave himself to us unconditionally in Christ, and he calls us to give ourselves unconditionally to him. God does not offer or ask for intimacy without complete whole-life commitment. If you demand intimacy yet keep control of your life, you are a living contradiction of both the way God relates to you and the way we are to relate to each other in the Christian community.” - Tim Keller, “The Gospel and Sex”

What’s God’s will for my life?

- Sanctity (holiness) for a beloved saint (“holy one”) in process
- “Chastity” in our sexual lives (before marriage, as well as in marriage!)
 - Abstinence before Marriage
 - Fidelity within Marriage

“Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues. There is no getting away from it: the old Christian rule is, ‘Either marriage, with complete faithfulness to your partner, or else total abstinence.’ Now this is so difficult and so contrary to our instincts, that obviously either Christianity is wrong or our sexual instinct, as it now is, has gone wrong. One or the other.” - C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

What’s in it for me?

- God intends to make you a saint. 1 Thess. 4:3-8
 - For His Glory and
 - For your GOOD
- Let’s take a “Wisdom Test” Proverbs 9:10-18
 - Lady Folly vs. Lady Wisdom
 - Hearing and Discerning the Voice of Wisdom

Plan “A”	Plan “B”
- Have fun in your Teens	Follow God in your Teens
- Make \$ in your Twenties	Follow God in your Twenties
- Add an accessory (spouse, kid) in your Thirties	Follow God in your Thirties
- Slog through your 40’s/50’s	Follow God in your 40’s/50’s
- Retire in your 60’s	Follow God in your 60’s
- Success = Happiness	Holiness → “Blessedness”

Snickers Bar Story

What is the will of God for your Life? Your Sanctification!

“Many people are deterred from seriously attempting Christian chastity because they think (before trying) that it is impossible. But when a thing has to be attempted, one must never think about possibility or impossibility. Perfect chastity - like perfect character - will not be attained by merely human efforts. You must ask for God’s help...and after each failure, ask for forgiveness...and try again.” *Mere Christianity*

The Three “Tenses” of Salvation

“We have been saved from the penalty of sin (called justification); we are being saved from the power of sin (called sanctification); we shall be saved from the presence of sin (called glorification).”