

# How to Communicate Biblical Sexual Ethics in the Modern Media World

Since the 1960s the sexual revolution has swept the Western world and radically changed the way people think about sex and how they choose to live sexually. Previous assumptions about the importance of connecting sex with love, of excluding same-sex romantic relationships as well as polygamous or polyamorous relationships are now abandoned. The idea of living a celibate life until one is married seems both impossible and quite ridiculous for most young Europeans today. Is it possible in today's world to explain and defend the Christian view of love and sex? In this session we will analyze our culture's view of sex, compare it with the Christian view and then take a good look at the arguments for the truth and beauty of God's design.

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## I. Introduction

- A. Who is "permitted" to talk publicly about sex?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Is the discussion moral or legal?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. What is the relation between ethical ideals and human reality?

## II. The Dramatic Change: The Sexual Revolution

- A. Sweden; a case study illustrating the trend in Europe
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Utilitarian evaluation: the balance of pleasure and pain?

### **III. Natural law: How to Define What's Natural – and What's Perverse?**

- A. Searching for coherence
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Two missing components: biology and love
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. What is the meaning of sex?

### **IV. The Biblical Perspective**

- A. Genesis 1-2, Matt 19: Sex belongs to a monogamous, heterosexual, publically acknowledged, life-committed relationship; that is, sex belongs to marriage.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. But why think sex belongs only within the context of marriage?

### **V. The Traumatic Issue of Homosexuality**

- A. A free society and a moral perspective on life
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Evaluating arguments and showing compassion
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. How to present the Biblical teaching