
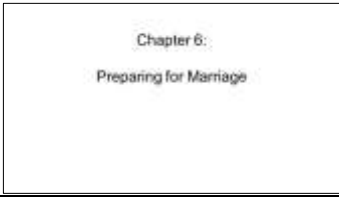

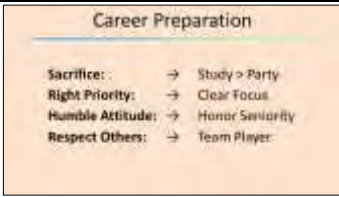

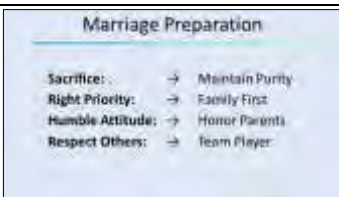
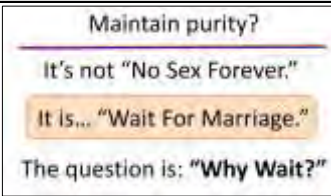
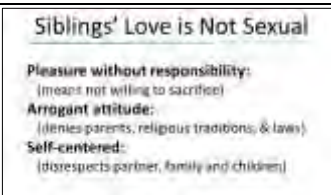
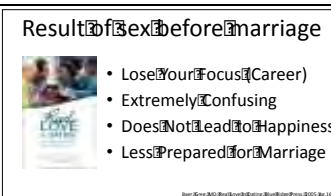
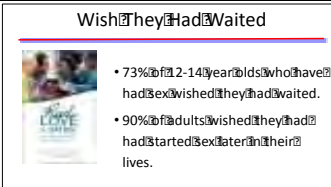
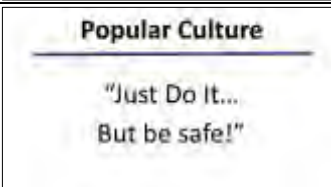



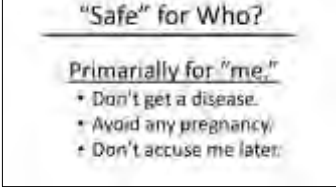

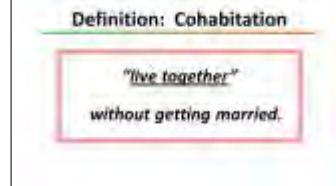

Chapter 6  
Preparing for Marriage

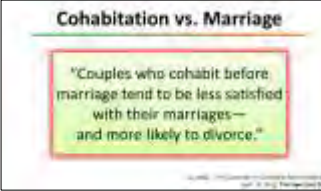
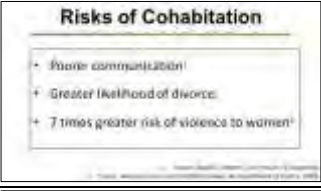
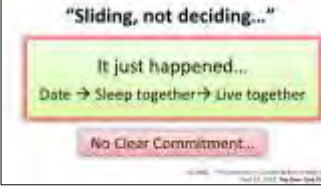

This lesson will:

- Increase the awareness about the importance of marriage and how best to prepare for it.
- Highlight the advantages of platonic, non-sexual love among brothers and sisters.
- Point out that sexual desires are natural. It is not just “No, don’t do it,” it’s “Wait a while.”
- Clarify why love and marriage must go together.
- Explain why cohabitation (sex without marriage) brings less satisfaction and greater risk.

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1.		<p><i>PUBLISHER’S NOTE TO PRESENTERS:</i></p> <p><i>This is an exposition of the main themes of a true love character education curriculum. It is a blueprint for subjects and positions educators should use in presenting these themes in a way appropriate to the target age group.</i></p>
2.		<p>To be successful at anything, you need to prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You prepare for tests.</li> <li>• You prepare for a career.</li> <li>• You prepare for an interview.</li> </ul> <p>How do you prepare for marriage?</p>
3.		<p>To be successful in marriage and family creation, most people think you need a career. Therefore, you need to figure out the goals and values that motivate you, and find your place in the work force, in the economy.</p> <p>That’s all good, because in the process you also are developing character traits.</p>
4.		<p>Career Preparation requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated Study (Sacrifice)</li> <li>• Focus on Objectives (Right Priority)</li> <li>• Respect Seniors (A Humble Attitude)</li> <li>• To Be a Team Player (Respect partners)</li> </ul>
5.		<p>Unfortunately, it is easy to think that one’s career and economic security are more important than marriage.</p> <p>They are necessary, but they are like the body in relation to the mind. The subject partner is marriage. Family is more important than career.</p> <p>How do you prepare to take the responsibility of family-building?</p>
6.		<p>As in the preparation of a professional career, it is necessary to be well prepared for marriage by developing a good personality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining Purity (Sacrifice)</li> <li>• Family First (the Right Priority)</li> <li>• Respect Parents (A Humble Attitude)</li> <li>• Being a Team Player (Respect Spouse)</li> </ul>

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7.		<p>In terms of maintaining purity, It's not, "No Sex Forever." It is... "Wait For Marriage."</p> <p>The question is "Why Wait?"</p> <p>This is called delayed gratification. It is an indicator of emotional maturity. Instant gratification indicates immaturity.</p> <p>Why wait?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All religions teach sexual abstinence before marriage.</li> <li>• It is a universally-shared value.</li> <li>• Teaches self-control.</li> <li>• Abstinence before marriage is the safest.</li> <li>• Best preparation for being faithful in marriage.</li> </ul>
8.		<p>Fraternal love goes beyond the family. We must consider our friends, neighbors, and colleagues, etc. as brothers and sisters. The same applies to future spouses. Before marriage they are like brother and sister. True brotherly and sisterly love must never involve sex. Why? Because it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pleasure without responsibility:</b> (means not willing to sacrifice)</li> <li>• <b>Arrogant attitude:</b> (denies parents, religious traditions, and laws)</li> <li>• <b>Self-centered:</b> (disrespects partner, family and children)</li> </ul>
9.		<p>What are the results of sex before marriage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lose Your Focus (Career)</li> <li>• Extremely Confusing</li> <li>• Does Not Lead to Happiness</li> <li>• Less Prepared for Marriage</li> </ul>
10.		<p>Most people wish they had waited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73% of 12-14 year olds who have had sex wished they had waited.</li> <li>• 90% of adults wished they had initiated sexual activity later in their lives.</li> </ul>
11.		<p>However, popular culture says, "Just do it ... but be safe. "</p> <p>What does it mean to be "safe"?</p>


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12.		<p>Before it was called “safe sex”, it was called “free sex.” When sex was taken outside of marriage and falsely labeled “free,” there was a marked increase in sexual diseases, unwanted pregnancies and broken hearts. Because this was incorrectly viewed as a medical and emotional problem, not a moral problem, a false solution was given. “Free sex” was resold as “safe sex.” It meant, wear a condom and have the partner’s consented, or agreed.</p>
13.		<p>But who is the safety really for? So-called “safe sex” is mostly about self-protection.</p> <p><u>Primarily for “me.”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don’t get a disease.</li> <li>• Avoid any pregnancy.</li> <li>• Don’t accuse me later.</li> </ul> <p>But how much does “safe sex” protect families, societies and nations? Let’s be honest, even with consent, “safe sex” does not protect the heart. To say, ‘I will not feel hurt or broken hearted when we split,’ is simply not true.</p> <p>Sex is the most power human emotion and is meant to bind two people together in an unbreakable bond of love. The concept of “safe sex” gives a false sense of responsibility and misdirected morality where being “safe” is more important than being “married.”</p> <p>Instead of “safe sex” why not “safest sex.” The safest form of sex is within the bonds of marriage. Period. Everyone knows this.</p>
14.		<p>“Safe sex” is used to justify sex outside of marriage. “Safe sex” is “selfish sex.”</p> <p>Outside of marriage sex—any sex—is wrong. Since the willingness to sacrifice for others is “good,” we can say “safe sex” is really sex without commitment—without sacrifice. That makes it selfish and morally wrong.</p>
15.		<p>What about cohabitation? Cohabitation means “living together without getting married.” It has become a popular alternative to marriage.</p>
16.		<p>In fact, it has become the most common relationship for young people in western society and is on the rise in many parts of the world.</p>




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17.		<p>But it is not all fun and happiness. In a <i>New York Times</i> article entitled, “The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage,” the author writes, “Couples who cohabit before marriage tend to be less satisfied with their marriages—and more likely to divorce.”<sup>1</sup></p>
18.		<p>Other studies show similar results. The risks of cohabitation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased conflict and poorer communication<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Greater likelihood of divorce; and</li> <li>• Seven times greater risk of violence to women<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
19.		<p>Why is cohabitation less satisfying and more fragile? It because at the beginning there is no long-term commitment. It is called “Sliding, not deciding.” At the outset there is no clear decision; no promises are made. In addition, families and communities are less likely to honor and support the couple.</p> <p>It is usually the guy who initiates sex. The girl may comply, because of a feeling of infatuation or a fear of losing him. Then after a few dates and sleeping together they “slide” into cohabitation.</p> <p>The boy and girl were dating, having sex, sleeping together and then just moved in and started living together. Often this is because they want to save money: one water bill, one rent, less commute time, etc. Future marriage is not usually the main reason for cohabitation.</p>
20.		<p>Marriage on the other hand, is a public commitment involving family, friends, the civil society and very often the holiness of God through the couple’s religious tradition. It’s about proposing, preparing and planning. It’s a celebration, not a shack-up.</p> <p>Marriage is a life-long promise to be faithful to one person, which means to forego all other options. It is not sliding; it’s deciding. Each person is willing to sacrifice for the well-being of the other person. In this relationship the happiness of my spouse is more important than my own happiness. But by the magical power of love, our own joy is not negated. Living for the sake of one lifelong partner is eternally gratifying. It is mutually fulfilling. Love grows forever.</p>


<sup>1</sup> Jay, Meg. “The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage,” April 14, 2012, The New York Times.

<sup>2</sup> David G. Meyers, *The Pursuit of Happiness*

<sup>3</sup> *National Crime Victimization Survey*, US Department of Justice, 1992

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21.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Are We Compatible?</b></p> <hr/> <p><u>Sexually Compatible? Not Really</u>  The sexual organs of every man is compatible with every woman. (Human beings are one species.)</p>	<p>One excuse that is often used to justify premarital sex is, "Let's see if we are compatible."</p> <p>But what type of compatibility is being tested? Sexual compatibility? Not really!  The sexual organ of every man is compatible with every woman. Human beings are one species.</p> <p>Therefore we can interbreed. Sexual compatibility is a given. The question of compatibility is a half-truth. The hidden meaning is, 'I want to have sex with you, without any commitment, especially not marriage.'</p>
22.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Are We Compatible?</b></p> <hr/> <p><u>Emotionally Compatible? YES!</u>  The key is to emotional compatibility is the ability to sacrifice for the relationship and live for the sake of the other</p>	<p>Then the question of compatibility should really focus on emotional, not sexual, rapport. However,  The key to emotional compatibility is the willingness to sacrifice, for the relationship and live for the sake the other.</p> <p>Therefore, since saving sex for marriage is a sacrifice, purity before marriage is actually a good indicator of compatibility. If your future spouse is willing to wait for you until you are married, this is a good sign of his willingness to make the sacrifices necessary for success in marriage. Selfish people are hard to live with.</p>
23.	<p style="text-align: center;">Do you want...  <b>Love?</b>  or  <b>Marriage?</b></p>	<p>Here is a question: Do you want love or marriage? The usual answer, especially from young people, is "love." It is not their fault entirely. The great dictator of their worldview, popular culture, tells them all they need is love. It is in our movies, our literature and our music.</p>
24.	<p style="text-align: center;">Unofficial hippie anthem for the  Summer of Love</p> 	<p>The most successful and popular music group of all times was The Beatles. Many of their songs incorporated the theme of love. The theme song for the summer of love was, "All You Need is Love." Here is a short sound track.</p> <p>[Click the speaker in the upper right-hand corner to start the music.]</p>
25.	<p style="text-align: center;">Love, Love, Love</p> <p>All you need is love  All you need is love  All you need is love, love</p> <p>Love is all you need  Love is all you need  Love is all you need, oh yea...</p>	<p>You can sing along if you want.</p>
26.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All you need  is love...  Really???</b></p>	<p>So all you need is love? Really?</p>

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27.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wrong...</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Why?</b></p>	<p>This is wrong. But why?</p> <p>Marriage is also needed. Both are essential.</p>
28.	<p><b>Public Marriage:</b> Builds and passes on a culture that honors purity and fidelity.</p> <p><b>Private Sexual Love:</b> The emotional glue that binds a husband and wife together forever.</p>	<p>Marriage is public, it: Builds and passes on a culture that honors purity and fidelity.</p> <p>Sexual love is private, it is: The emotional glue that binds a husband and wife together forever.</p> <p>Both are necessary and good. But as with mind and body, the right priority is essential. Marriage is public. It respects and celebrates the commitment of fidelity that each person makes. Therefore, it should have a higher priority. Sexual love is private. It is between one man and one woman.</p>
29.	<p><b>Sex within Marriage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The key to nation-building.</li> <li>• The key to moral sustainability.</li> <li>• All other models FAIL.</li> </ul>	<p>The public celebration of marriage builds and passes on a culture that honors commitment, responsibility, purity and fidelity. That is the ONLY culture that is sustainable. Later we will show, that ALL cultures which fail to honor marriage collapse. This is an historical fact.</p> <p>If a culture honors marriage, women will not get raped, unmarried girls will not get pregnant, sexual diseases will not run rampant and families will not break down so easily.</p>
30.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Love and Marriage</b></p> 	<p>So we need both: love and marriage. Marriage without love is dry and lifeless. Love without the culture of marriage is dangerous and brings many personal and social problems. In the 1950s there was an American song about "Love and Marriage."</p> <p>[Click the speaker in the upper right-hand corner to start the music.]</p>
31.	<p>Love and marriage, love and marriage Go together like a horse and carriage This I tell you, brother... You can't have one without the other.</p> 	<p>You can sing along if you want.</p> <p>Love and marriage, love and marriage Go together like a horse and carriage This I tell you, brother... You can't have one without the other.</p>
32.	<p>Love and marriage, love and marriage Go together like a horse and carriage Dad was told by mother You can't have one, You can't have none You can't have one without the other.</p> 	<p>Love and marriage, love and marriage Go together like a horse and carriage Dad was told by mother You can't have one, You can't have none, You can't have one without the other.</p>

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33.	<p>Usually the man will say to the girl ...</p> <p>"I LOVE YOU."</p>	Usually the man will say to the girl, "I love you ..."
34.	<p>The woman needs ask a 6-word question...</p> <p>"DO YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED?"</p>	<p>If this happens, the woman needs to reply to his 3-word comment and ask a 6-word question, "Do you want to get married?"</p> <p>If he says "yes," and you agree, then talk about it with both your parents and start to plan your wedding.</p> <p>If he says anything else, like, "Don't you trust me?" or, "Why are you so serious?" then you will easily know his true motivation. He wants pleasure without payment; sex without the commitment of marriage.</p>
35.		Thank you.
36.	<p>Activity #1: Laugh and learn together</p> <p>All the men say, "I love you."</p> <p>The women reply, "Do you want to get married?"</p>	<p>Practice this together as a class. Don't single out any one person or couple. Have all the men say, "I love you." They can repeat it with a louder voice several times. Then draw out the word "LLLOOOVVVEEE" to emphasize it.</p> <p>Then have the women reply, "Do you want to get married?" They too can repeat this. It doesn't have to be loud or boastful. It simply needs to be confident. Usually people will laugh, but they (especially the women), will also learn how to handle unwanted sexual advances.</p>