

Marriage Jungle: Clearing the Path for Great Sex

INTRODUCTION: Common _____verses special _____.

I Thessalonians 4:2 – 8 (NLT) ² For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. ⁴ Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—⁵ not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. ⁶ Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. ⁷ God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

- Sanctified or holy lives = _____for a holy purpose.
- Magazine racks at grocery stores speak about _____.
- The Bible says God created man in the image of God = _____.
- The Bible says God created them male and female = _____.

I Corinthians 7:3 – 4 (NLT) ³ The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. ⁴ The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife.

- Sex is a major factor in marital _____
- Sex is _____outside of God's design.
- Healing and forgiveness comes in _____.

Matthew 23:23 (NIV) ²³Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

- Faithful to _____.
- Faithful in _____.
- Fluctuation of _____are inevitable.
- Experiencing low desire and lack of energy _____.
- What matters most has changed
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Philippians 4:8 (NLT) ⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

- The major sex organ in the body is _____!
- Suggested ideas.
 1. _____your life
 2. _____more.

3. _____ household chores
 4. _____ helps with stress
 5. _____ with your spouse
- Surveys suggest
 1. Women want _____.
 2. Men want _____.
 - The two will become _____.
 - Intimacy Builders
 1. Focus on your partner's _____.
 2. Spend _____.
 3. Really _____.
 4. Say _____ often.
 5. Resolve your _____ daily.

Ephesians 4:26 (NLT) ²⁶ And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry

CONCLUSION: You _____ to God.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

- We are not common. We are _____.