

Marriage Matrix
Burning With Passion

“Then God made...a woman and brought her to the man. “This is it!” Adam exclaimed...the man and his wife were both naked, but neither was embarrassed or ashamed.” Genesis 2:22-25

WHY GOD CREATED SEX

- To promote **UNITY** (Ephesians 5:31)
- To provide **ENJOYMENT** (Prov 5:18-19)
- To produce **CHILDREN** (Genesis 1:28)

KEYS TO ENJOYMENT

1. CULTIVATE HEALTHY **ATTITUDES**

“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected, but all is to be received with a prayer of thanks.”
1 Tim 4:4

“Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband” Heb 13:4

“Be happy, yes rejoice in your wife...Let her...tender embrace satisfy you. Let her love alone fill you with delight.” Prov. 5:18-19

“Use every part of your body to glorify God” 1 Cor 6:20

2. COMMUNICATE **HONEST FEELINGS**

“Reliable communication permits progress.” Prov. 13:17

“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Thes. 5:11

3. CREATE HELPFUL **ADJUSTMENTS**

“The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to ‘stand up for your rights.’ Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out.” 1 Cor 7:3-5

“You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs.” 1 Peter 3:7

“...You have made me eager for love...” Song of Solomon 6:12

The Bible’s advice on creating the right atmosphere:
From Song of Solomon

* Privacy (2:5)

* Complimenting (1:15-16)

* Affectionate touching (2:6)

* Fragrances (1:12)

* Total commitment (8:6-7)

* Unhurried time (5:1b)

* Attractive attire (4:9, 11)

* Special places (7:12)

* Intimate talk (4:16)

“Do not cheat each other of normal sexual relations, unless you both decide to abstain temporarily to make special time for prayer. But afterwards you should resume relations as before, or you will expose yourselves to the temptations of the devil. 1 Cor. 7:5