

## SEX-WHAT'S TRUE ISN'T NEW

**By Phil Arms**

With premarital sex, adultery and homosexuality being the predominate theme in most movies, television programs and even our music, the moral tone of our nation has sunk to a new low. Filth is the order of the day and perversion the new norm.

Some of us in the pulpit over the last several decades have fervently preached the truth regarding pre-marital sex. And for decades, liberal educators, Planned Parenthood, and the public education system have mocked and derided us.

*But they are not mocking us now...*

After years of taking cues from those of us preaching the Truths of God regarding teens and pre-marital sex, a new phenomena is sweeping the nations' schools: it is called the abstinence movement.

However, there is a good side and a bad side to this new effort to inform American youth and singles about the true dangers associated with non-monogamous and pre-marital sex.

The negative side is that most of these federally funded efforts do not allow educators to teach that there are real "moral concerns" connected to decisions regarding sexual matters.

But at least this wave of new programs is beginning to teach that from a "medical" stand point, there is no such thing as "safe sex" outside of marriage. Again, without any reference to religion or Christian values these new programs document the serious medical and health reasons, many of them not common knowledge, that sex should be saved for those who keep themselves for that relationship called marriage.

One of the programs, now used in at least thirty-one Texas school districts, is becoming part of the high school curriculum. It is called "Worth the Wait." The program was created by a contraception researcher who used to believe that condoms handed out to students were the answer. However, as this doctor, an obstetrician-gynecologist and noted Texas A&M researcher saw the

results of twenty years of public schools passing out condoms, she quickly became a convert to the "abstinence only" movement.

This woman, and thousands of her colleagues, who are now realizing the error of their previous ways, could have saved themselves, and untold millions of young people, a lot of heartache if only they would have listened to what we have been saying for thirty years and what the Word of God has taught for thousands of years.

Among the facts they are teaching are these points of truth:

\*Today there are 25 significant sexually transmitted diseases running rampant through the population of our nation's young people. In 1960, there were only two such diseases.

\*The cervix of a girl is more vulnerable to most sexually transmitted diseases than the cervix of an adult woman.

\*Sex in the lives of teens can increase the female's cancer risk because it increases the likelihood of multiple partners, again increasing her risk of human papilloma virus, or HPV, which causes 93% of all cervical cancer.

\*And in a major turnaround in what has been taught in public schools sex education programs, they now have absolute, scientific proof that condoms do not reduce the risks of sexually transmitted diseases or HIV (i.e., AIDS)

\*Additionally, almost 25% of people in the United States are currently infected with the STD, genital herpes.

Advocates of these new programs cite an American Journal of Sociology publication that found students who take a pledge to remain a virgin until they are married were far less likely to become sexually active than students who did not take the pledge. They stated the pledge was most effective when taken by 15 to 17 year olds. Is it not amazing that these "experts" are so stunned that young people can keep their commitments and that our youth, contrary to popular opinion, will not act like sexual degenerates when they are taught truth and properly challenged?

It also showed that since these "abstinence only" sex education programs started in schools in the 1990s that teen age sexual activity is down by more than 50%. In each of the schools promoting the "abstinence only" education, teen pregnancy rates, birth rates, and abortion rates have radically declined.

While we as believers can rejoice that even spiritually deaf, dumb, and blind educators see the medical catastrophe in the lives of millions of teens

spawned by their earlier ignorance that pushed condoms instead of physiological fact, still the public education system is robbing America's youth of the greater truth regarding the reasons for moral purity and the true blessing of sex God's way.

The responsibility to teach children the facts of life and the truth about sex lies first with parents and secondly with the pulpit.

Unfortunately, both parents and pulpits in most parts of this nation have chosen to ignore the issue and have left it to the so-called experts in public schools. And for decades we have reaped moral destruction, medical catastrophe and millions of broken hearts and lives because of our silence.

Children and teens at the proper time in their spiritual development must be taught the truth about human sexuality from God's point of view. We must not dodge the issue and leave it to others or young people will end up morally destroyed and ultimately twisted regarding their personal sexuality.

We are all sexual beings because God created us that way. Among the first words spoken by God to Adam and Eve in the Garden were "be fruitful and multiply." God chose to bless His most precious creation with the beautiful gift of sex. Tragically though, even some Christians, many of them married today, still suffer because of wrong concepts about sexuality.

I have, over the years, delivered a number of messages dealing with a wide range of issues related to sexual matters. Multitudes over the years, both single young people as well as married couples, have thanked me for bringing them these precious liberating truths. Some of these resources are being made available in this newsletter. I pray that parents and grandparents will order them and pass them along to your children and grandchildren. It could save them years of heartbreak and keep them from making extremely costly mistakes.

Remember, the Scriptures teach that "every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father..." and that includes the gift of sex.

Christian young people, singles and, yes, even many who are married need to develop Biblical views of sex. Sex is not dirty, vile, or sinful. Like so many of God's blessings, Satan has taken something God intended to be the greatest, most beautiful and pleasurable part of a relationship between a man and his wife and perverted it, using it to destroy lives and ruin nations.

If there was ever a time when a generation needed to hear the truth about an issue this is that time and that issue is sex. I pray many of you will help get these great truths to people you love and care about.

Also, dear friends, I feel led to put before you a few other powerful and anointed resources that I feel will be a great benefit and blessing to you, so be sure to check out what is available this month.

And please remember, our involvement in the lives of the youth and singles around us, whether in our family, neighborhood, or our church is a divine appointment. We have the resources to put before them that can make a difference.

May God be praised for the eternal, life-giving, redeeming truths of His Wonderful Word.

In Christ,

*Phil Arms*

As for me....

...there is not enough ink and paper in the world for me to express my thankfulness unto God for placing you, our friends, prayer partners and supporters into the life of this ministry.

From my heart I want each of you to know how grateful we are that in one way or another for you having been a part of what God has done, is doing, and will do in the days ahead through this work.

If Jesus chose to delay His return a bit longer, then together we have the grand opportunity to touch more lives with His life.

Be blessed and have a wonderful day!