

PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED

THIS IS US, #4

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“My son Lemuel, you were born in answer to my prayers, so listen carefully. Don’t waste your life chasing after women! This has ruined many kings. Kings and leaders should not get drunk or even want to drink. Drinking makes you forget your responsibilities, and you mistreat the poor.” (Proverbs 31:2–5, CEV)

1. I SHOULD NEVER BE AFRAID TO DISCUSS WHAT GOD CREATED.

“This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” (Genesis 2:24, NLT)

2. SEX WAS GOD’S ANTIDOTE TO LONELINESS.

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18, NLT)

- a. Sex points to intimacy with God where you find fulfillment.
- b. Sex misused leads you away from God where you discover loneliness.
- c. Marriage is the most intimate and naked of all human relationships.
 - i. Spiritually
 - ii. Emotionally
 - iii. Physically
- d. Therefore, you’re totally vulnerable but loved anyway
- e. Love, serve and treat one another as a gift from God.

3. WE ALL GOT HERE BECAUSE OF SEX.

“Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became ...” (Genesis 4:1, NIV)

4. EVERY PARENT IS TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT SEX!

“You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home... on the road,... going to bed and... getting up.” (Deuteronomy 6:6–7, NLT)

“He will teach parents how to love their children. He will also teach people who don’t obey to be wise and do what is right. In this way, he will prepare a people who are ready for the Lord.” (Luke 1:17, NIrV)

- a. Teach your teens that sex is a gift God gave them to give to their spouse.
- b. Teach them you have a passion button!

“Don’t excite love, don’t stir it up, until the time is ripe—and you’re ready.” (Song of Solomon 8:4, Message)

- c. Draw the boundary line.

“Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.” (2 Timothy 2:22a, NLT)

- d. Commit yourself to sexual purity.

“Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace.” (2 Timothy 2:22b)

- e. Stay close to God and godly friends.

“Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.” (2 Timothy 2:22c)

“I choose as my friends everyone who worships you and follows your teachings.” (Psalm 119:63, CEV)

“Because of God’s immense generosity and grace, we don’t have to dissect and scrutinize every action to see if it will pass muster.” But the point is not to just get by “We want to live well, but our foremost efforts should be to help others live well.” (1 Corinthians 10:23-24, Message)

5. GOING OUT ON A DATE.

- a. Be and Date spiritually healthy people.
- b. Fellows, a date has a time, a place and a reason.
- c. Girls, give a direct answer.
- d. Be on time.
- e. Dress wisely.
- f. Guys, pay for your date, every bit of it!
- g. Conversation
- h. No sad stories about your ex!
- i. Put away your phone.
- j. End the date as well as you began or better.
- k. If you continue to date
 - i. Guard your heart.
 - ii. Guard your mind.
 - iii. Guard your time.
 - iv. Guard your conversation.