

**Lesson #4:**  
**The *Imago Dei*: The Basis for Sex and Sexual Identity**

**I. God has a Good Plan for Sex**

- A. The first command recorded in the Bible is connected to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:28).
- B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan for sex is "fill the earth" (Gen. 1:28; 2:18).  
\*This was a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.
- C. Sex is a physical act that reflects a spiritual desire for \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 2:23-24).
- D. Sex was established between a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ endorsed God's heterosexual plan for sex (Matt. 19:3-6).
- F. Deviation from God's plan for sex is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Any sex outside of heterosexual marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Eph. 5:3).  
"sexual immorality" – *porneia* = any form of sex outside of heterosexual marriage
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ sex is sin (Gen. 19:4-5; Lev. 18:22; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 1:26-27).

**II. Identifying the Real Issues Behind Sex and Sexual Identity.**

- A. It is an issue rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. It's an issue of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. It's an issue of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. It's an issue of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. It is an issue based on the way sex is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 10:31).  
God created sex for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. It is an issue based on an understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 7:3-4).
- D. It is an issue based on divine \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Responding Properly to Those Who Deviate from God's Plan for Sex and Sexuality.**

- A. Followers of Christ must respond properly to \_\_\_\_\_-Christians who deviate from God's plan for sex and sexuality.
  - 1. Followers of Christ must keep in mind that those who deviate from God's plan for sex and sexuality bear the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Followers of Christ must keep in mind that sexual attraction and identity struggles are \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Followers of Christ must not let the side issue of sexuality distract from the real issue of the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Followers of Christ must truly love others, desiring God's \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

B. Followers of Christ must respond properly to the \_\_\_\_\_ who deviates from God's plan for sex and sexuality.

1. Followers of Christ must keep in mind that sexual attraction and identity struggles are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Followers of Christ must lovingly \_\_\_\_\_ but firmly \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Followers of Christ must offer \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.