Pitfall #3: Sex Too Soon (2001 Apr 22)

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INTRODUCTION

- Solomon recognized what parents need to recognize. And that is that the temptation to commit sexual sin is one of the greatest pitfalls that threatens our children.
- We need to appreciate that our children grow up in a sexually charged world.
- We've got to guide our kids to avoid the pitfall of sex too soon and sex outside of God's appointed relationships.

1 Sex Is Not a Dirty Word

Genesis 1:27–28; Genesis 1:31; Proverbs 5:15–19

- We need to be teaching our children that sex comes from God.
- Sex was God's idea. When you follow God's direction regarding sex, there is nothing wrong or dirty or inappropriate about it.
- We need to teach our children that sex was designed by God to give pleasure to men and women.
- We need to instill within our children the idea that there is something awesome about this sexual relationship.

2 God Has Given Boundaries That Govern Sex

1 Corinthians 6:9–10; Galatians 5:19–21; Hebrews 13:4

- The law of God prescribes that this level of intimacy should only be shared by a man and a woman within the commitment of a marriage relationship.
- Let marriage be held in honor among all. And let the marriage bed be undefiled. For fornicators and adulterers, God will judge.
- It's not because God is trying to deprive the unmarried of legitimate pleasure. It is because He is trying to spare all of us the pain and the suffering that we endure when we are sexually irresponsible.

3 Sexual Purity Involves More Than Abstaining From Fornication

Galatians 5:19

- We need to be convicted that sexual purity involves more than just abstaining from fornication.
- It speaks not only to the sin of fornication or adultery, but that it includes all of the thoughts and the behaviors that lead to those sins.
- We face the challenge to teach our children to be sexually pure.

4 Talking to Their Kids About Sex

Ephesians 6:4

- Moms and dads need to be talking to their kids about sex.

- If we don't start talking about it, someone else will start talking about it and tell our children the wrong things about it more than likely.
- We need to talk early and we need to talk often and we need to talk specifically.
- We need to talk to our kids about how far is too far when it comes to intimacy.
- We need to set dating guidelines before they begin to date.

5 Teach Our Children to Avoid Provocative Behavior

1 Timothy 2:9

- We need to teach our children to avoid provocative behavior.
- We need to be talking to our young men and young women about dressing modestly.
- I want women to adorn themselves in proper clothing, modestly, discreetly.

6 Discourage One-on-One Exclusive Dating

- We need to discourage when our children begin dating this idea of one on one exclusive dating during their teenage years.
- Our children do not need to behave as married adult people when they're 13 years old.
- We need to encourage our children instead to have lots of friends and avoid pairing up into exclusive relationships.
- Occasionally mom and dad need to have the guts to step in when they sense that things are going too far and put the stop to an unhealthy relationship.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Moms and dads need to be helping their children navigate around this dangerous minefield that is called life. And to avoid this pitfall of sex too soon that puts at risk their future happiness.**

MY NOTES